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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I greet you with the love of Christ and the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit. May God's grace be multiplied to you and yours.

The past four years mark significant progress for the Church Of God In Christ Publishing House. A fresh, new look, featured headlines of major worldwide interest, a renewed interest in subscriptions to the *Whole Truth* magazine, and substantive literature for growth and maturity in Christ.

As the believer grows from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity, there should be an increased, daily appetite for spiritual food. It is the direct responsibility of the Church to offer both the richness of Christian teaching and the appeal for learning from the printing presses of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

The *Whole Truth*, known as the "official organ" of information for friends and constituency of the Church, remains a valuable source for readers whose interests vary from the traditions of the Church to innovative approaches taught by leaders who have carved new pathways to divine destiny, as well as effective outreach to the lost and disenfranchised.

I want to encourage those who are committed to the *Whole Truth* readership to convey to others the importance of this magazine. As a gift during this upcoming holiday season, consider several subscriptions to family, friends, and those who seek a deeper spiritual life with Christ. Perhaps you are aware of an individual whose interest in Christ is new? Send them the gift of the *Whole Truth* magazine.

As we come to the close of summer, I would like to admonish you to govern yourselves according to our theme for 2012: "Seeking God's Way for Us and Our Succeeding Generations, Through Obedience, Prayer, and the Word."

Blessings from your Servant in Christ,

Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.



Presiding Bishop
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Dear Loyal Supporters,

First of all, thank you for your continued support of the *Whole Truth*. The history and importance of the *Whole Truth* cannot be overstated for the Church Of God In Christ. It is a vehicle that has served as the official voice of the Church Of God In Christ for more than a century. As you know, we also have had the recent benefit of having a Roy Winbush Pictorial Exhibit created at the publishing house in Memphis, Tenn., which includes historical copies of the *Whole Truth*.

This edition of the *Whole Truth* reflects not only issues of historical importance and prominence, but it also highlights some of the most important missions of the Church Of God In Christ, including the Presiding Bishop's vision for the urban initiative which has resulted in a real impact for literally millions of people throughout the country. I know that you will be proud of the fact that millions of people were fed in the Summer of 2012 because of the Church Of God In Christ. It also highlights the ongoing commitments of church professionals not only through their careers but in their engagement in COGIC churches. This edition features some of the professionals in the legal environment. This is the first of a series. Future editions of the *Whole Truth* will explore other careers of church members.

We are particularly proud of another initiative that was developed by the publishing house and that was a Summer Scholarship program which provided up to \$3,500 in scholarships for youth who worked on church projects during the Summer of 2012. This focus of promoting the efforts of COGIC collegians was enthusiastically received in 2012. In your upcoming Sunday School literature, look for pictures of the young adults who were selected this year, and certainly keep in mind that in 2013 we will be seeking applicants for next year. None of this would have been possible without the tremendous support that we received from all of you, and we thank you for that.

The *Whole Truth's* goal is not only to preserve the important mission and history of the Church but also to advance the vision for the future. We are proud that both of those missions are being accomplished. As I mentioned previously, we will continue to collect photos for the digital archives at the publishing house, and we encourage any member to send digital photos of historical items to Sis. Sharon Miller at cogicbookstore@bellsouth.net. Thank you for your great participation.



Sincerely,

John Daniels

Attorney John W. Daniels, Jr.

CELEBRATING COGIC

Psalm 133:1 exhorts, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” No greater organization emerges as the front leader of such a tenet as does the Church Of God In Christ. This issue of the *Whole Truth* honors such a spirit of togetherness as we peer into the many fronts that make up this grand old church. The women of the past and present are highlighted in a comprehensive two-part article, “*COGIC Women in Ministry: The Next 100 Years*” that chronicles the roles women played in the Church’s formation. Young scholars who have pressed through to reach academic goals – and helped their churches in the process – are featured in “*Publishing House honors achievement with scholarship.*” The connection between the Presiding Bishop’s vision for the Church and its outreach to community becomes crystal clear in the article “*COGIC Urban Initiatives.*” There’s also “*Lawyers in the House,*” an article and directory about the lawyers in the Church who find ways to bless with their legal acumen. Then of course, there are the annual conferences that draw us together, that we share here in many, many snapshots. What an issue, what a church!

Be blessed, and thank you for supporting our efforts!

Lisa Townsel

Senior Editor

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Scholarship of Abundance recipients (left to right) Jenny Horsley, Timothy Fair, Christopher Huntley, Toris Phinnessee, Michaiah Hinds, Michelle Ware, Ja'Kye

When God uses us, we acquire the ability to produce significant and lasting impressions that influence and shape communities and lives. God steers with authority, and when we follow and adhere to His plan, He blesses with abundance.

The National Publishing Board of the Church Of God In Christ organized and implemented the first annual Scholarship of Abundance program recently, available to full-time enrolled fall 2012 college students. The program encourages students to hone their leadership skills by developing summer projects in their church that not only contribute toward the growth and enrichment of their local house of worship, but offer continuing impact in the surrounding community.

Elder John Daniels, III of Milwaukee's Holy

Redeemer Institutional COGIC, participated in past publishing house projects involving youth across the nation and was selected to join the newly birthed program as project administrator.

According to Elder Daniels, job experience in the professional world can be significantly more valuable than book experience and he believes students who have the opportunity to assist in a non-profit organization, especially one that is church-based, have the potential to gain many soft skills that cannot be obtained elsewhere.

"In our competitive economy, sometimes we

neglect to acknowledge the training we can receive in our own local congregations. Scholarship of Abundance has afforded students the ability to serve as servant leaders to strengthen their local congregations while being mentored to enhance their God-given abilities in the building of the kingdom. This unique internship opportunity is truly priceless," Elder Daniels said.

Applicants were required to write a project plan describing the intern work they would partake in over the summer. Proposed plans varied from general projects such as room remodeling and the

e ment with Scholarships



Holmes, Daniel Wright, ChaVon McMurray and Jeanniece Jackson take a moment to pose with Publishing House Board member Dr. Diana Chandler Banks (at center).

seeking of donations for books and supplies to upgrading facilities to position-specific roles. Scholarship recipient, Jeanniece Jackson of Rhema Fellowship in Cleveland, Ohio, served as an operations management intern for the Youth for Holiness (YFH) Ministries of her church.

"This professional work experience greatly strengthened my skill-set in the areas of marketing, public relations, human resources, project and operations management," said Sister Jackson. "As I prepare for graduate studies in the John Carroll University MBA program this fall, YFH has also helped me stay spiritually uplifted and empowered to maintain a lifestyle of holiness that is pleasing to God."

The project committee began accepting applications in mid-April and received an overwhelm-

ing nationwide response from applicants at all levels of education. Submissions were evaluated by four reviewers from different parts of the country, who scored the applications and conducted interviews. In considering applicants, reviewers placed great consideration on future accomplishments of students, the impact they would have on their community, and the residual benefit of the student's endeavors.

The publishing house awarded scholarships to ten academic recipients from various states, each given a maximum of \$3,500, a photo appearance on the cover of COGIC literature, and an expense-paid invitation to the 2012 AIM Convention in Birmingham, Ala., where they were given the opportunity to connect with other scholars.

The National Publishing Board will continue

its sponsorship of the Scholarship of Abundance in 2013. Members of the Church Of God In Christ, whose church is a subscriber to publishing house materials and who are enrolled as full-time fall 2013 students, are eligible to apply for next year's scholarship.

"I would definitely encourage others to apply for the COGIC Scholarship of Abundance," said Sister Jackson. "The scholarship not only helps to financially support one's participation with the youth ministry of their local church, but also connects one to other interns from all over the country who are dedicated to Kingdom work. To be selected as a COGIC Scholarship of Abundance intern is definitely an opportunity of a lifetime, and one that I will forever be grateful for."



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Some of the 2012 Scholarship of Abundance winners mixed and mingled with members of COGIC during the AIM Convention in Birmingham, Ala. Here they take a moment to chat and pose with (from left to right) Bishop James R. Wright, Sr., Prelate, New York Western First Jurisdiction; Bishop David A. Hall, Sr., Jurisdictional Prelate, Tennessee Headquarters and Publishing Board Member; Dr. Joseph Chase, National Trustee and Publishing Board Member; Bishop John H. Sheard, Chairman, Board of Bishops, Jurisdictional Prelate, Michigan Southwest First; Bishop Ted Thomas, Sr., Jurisdictional Prelate, Virginia First; Attorney John W. Daniels, Jr., Chairman, Publishing Board; and Attorney Amos Smith, Chairman of Operations, Publishing Board.

Scholarship of Abundance 2012 Charter Recipients

Requests to be added to the mailing list for upcoming information on the 2013 Scholarship of Abundance can be sent to soa@cogicpub.com.



Daniel Wright, Augusta, Georgia
House Of God COGIC, freshman at
Kennesaw State College



Jenny Horsley, Los Angeles, Calif.
Community Chapel COGIC, freshman at
The Master's College



Toris Phinnessee, Mansfield, Ohio
New Jerusalem Progress COGIC, sophomore at
Ohio Christian University



Timothy Fair, Starkville, Miss.
Peters Rock Temple COGIC, graduate
Mississippi State University



Michaiah Hinds, Milwaukee, Wis.
Holy Redeemer Institutional COGIC, junior at
Tennessee State University



Michelle Ware, Detroit, Mich.
Gordy Memorial COGIC, freshman at
Hampton University



ChaVon McMurray, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Renaissance COGIC, junior at
Ferris State University



Ja'Kye Holmes, Harrisburg, Penn.
Lingo Memorial COGIC, freshman at
Shippensburg University



Christopher Huntley, Albany, N.Y.
St. John's COGIC, junior at
State University of New York - Plattsburgh



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Rhema Fellowship COGIC, graduate
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2012 Women's Convention Saints in Action

The 62nd Annual International COGIC Women's Convention/Crusade proved to be a gloriously uplifting success for the multitudes who converged on the city of Atlanta, Georgia, in May. Attendees enjoyed days and nights of singing, preaching and fellowship during this much-anticipated annual event.



Prayer Warrior Mother Arlie Boone raises her hand in praise.



The Honorable Lady Mae Blake was all smiles.



Lady Margaret Hogan of the hosting jurisdiction takes to the mic.



Gospel legend Cece Winans



A picture of royalty: Mother Gertrude Young, Executive Board Chairperson



Mother Annie Cooper and Mother Joann Hill, Supervisors of Texas and Florida and Executive Board Members



Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake speaks the Word.



Evangelist Barbara Bryant of Southern California ignited Holy Ghost fire with her "Favor, Blessings, Increase (FBI)" message.

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Special guest TV Judge Glenda Hatchett



Presiding Bishop Blake and Bishop Paul Morton enjoy the service.



Mother Mary Tucker, Mother Edith McGrew, and Supervisor Olive Brown, Women Convention host jurisdictional supervisors, and WIC Coordinator, have words.



The Honorable Mother Willie Mae Rivers graciously accepts a bouquet of roses.



Mother Barbara McCoo-Lewis, Marshall of the International Women's Department and Supervisor of Southern California First Jurisdiction; Lady Willie Mae Sheard; and Lady Julia Hunt



Dr. Judith Christie McAllister, President, International Music Department



The 49 & Under Women's Group marches in.



Supervisors and other delegates in praise during the Love Showers service for Mother Rivers.

COGIC WOMEN IN MINISTRY: T

By Glenda Williams Goodson



Lizzie Robinson

Earlynn McDowell

← Emma Crouch

Joyce Rodgers →

Imagine you were alive in the fall of 1907, living in the agrarian states of Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi. Having experienced Pentecost at the Azusa Street Revival, Elder Charles Mason returned South bringing Holy Ghost excitement and the Holiness-Pentecostal Church Of God In Christ (COGIC) was born. If you were alive at the beginning of the 20th century, it would be impossible to forecast the Church's growth, but for COGIC to thrive, Elder Mason assembled a core team of highly organized individuals. Now picture yourself in the winter of 1911. Due to its exponential growth, which included a cadre of Baptist, Methodist and other women, the church needed a women's organizer. And as Blacks joined millions in the Great Migration from South to North, COGIC women played significant roles in the church's growth as street evangelists, church builders, educators and international missionaries. The appointment of Mrs. Lizzie Woods as Overseer of Women gave birth to the Department of Women (DOW).

It is important to recall that each General Supervisor's overriding vision encompassed the spectrum of a women's sphere: wives, managers of home and caregivers of children, all while juggling careers and church work. The demo-

graphics of today's COGIC women includes leadership activities found in the ranks of educators, business leaders, politicians, international missionaries, allied health professionals, preachers, administrators, marketing executives and financial professionals. Standing in the cusp of the 21st century, the world is steeped in systemic problems with instability and conflict playing out daily on the 6 o'clock news. What strategies did past leaders implement that potentially adds value to the work of today's leader-activists? And as technology reshapes culture, how can this generation reconstruct their influence? *The Whole Truth* interviewed Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, General Supervisor Willie Mae Rivers, and a representative sample of women to discuss ways to enhance future women's ministry.

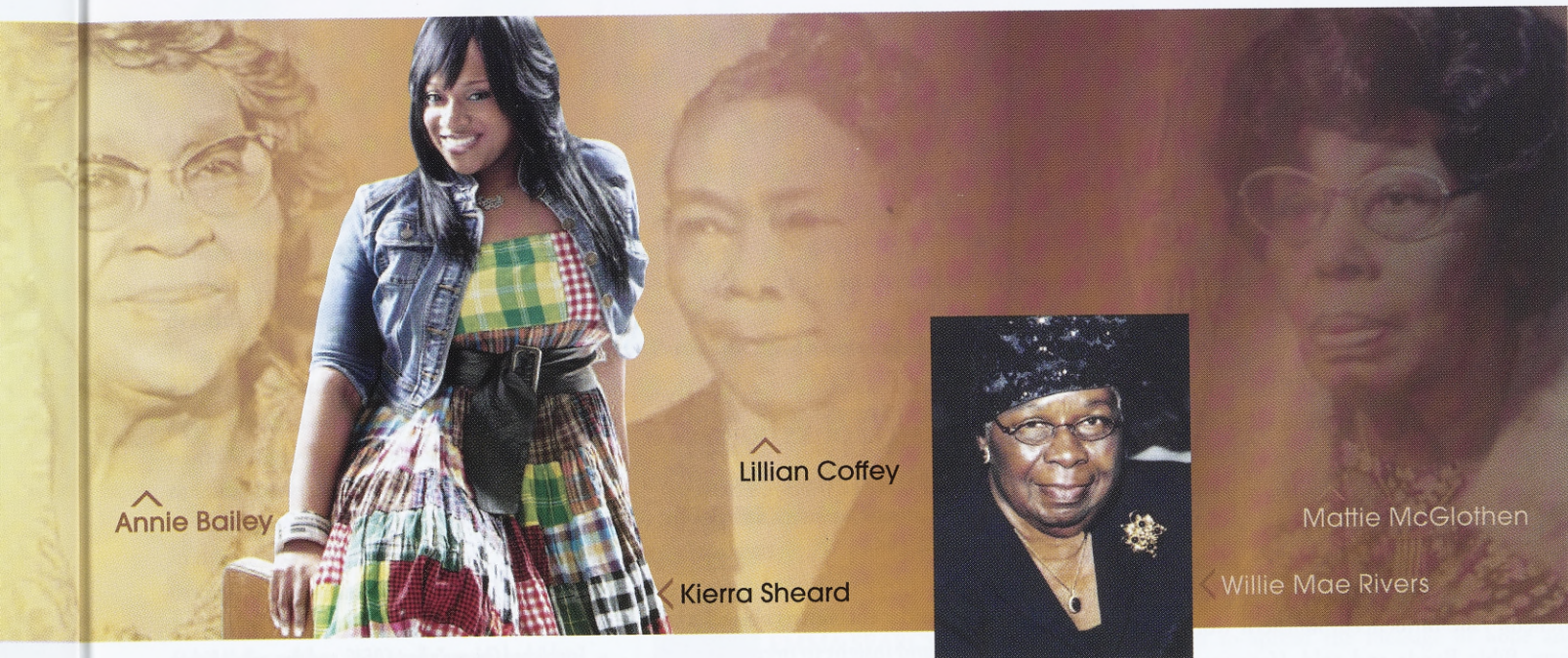
COGIC is a dominant spiritual power, and teamwork has marked the Department of Women since its inception. According to Bishop Blake, "Mother Robinson and Mother Coffey's stamp continues as the bedrock on which generations have benefited for 100 years. Mother Rivers is an example of this heritage so desperately needed in society and she quintessentially models grace, business acumen and executive leadership." Mother Rivers' organization and foundational structure aids the Church

"which relies upon the Department to build the character and homes of the saints. With its many units and divisions, families, marriages and those living in singlehood are nurtured," he says. International Marshall Barbara McCoo Lewis adds: "It is inspiring to be a part of her team...Mother has support as she carefully leads."

The Women's Convention has kept current with the times. Women, especially those 49 and under, are flocking to forums, leadership conferences and other training venues facilitated by experts in health, counseling, law, gender confusion, marriage, and the family. Departing the successful 2012 Women's International Convention, Mother Rivers formulated strategies to meet God-given goals from building prayer lives to implementation of Christian counseling. "I want women to see things through the eyes of God. Worrying and fighting ourselves does not answer problems," she stated.

International YPWW Chairlady Joyce Rodgers agrees that DOW's future generations should operate by principles of inclusiveness. "The generation after me will have (its) struggles; however, we must not be our own worst enemy. Women should understand that we [act as] bridges...walked on, driven over but there is connectivity."

Y: THE NEXT 100 YEARS



Praying for the blessings of the church's general leadership, Mother Rivers responds to her calling by "reviving, updating and building on the teachings our predecessors so graciously left. I look for teachable women to carry the work [who remember] ministry is *not* a position."

Five-time Stellar Award winner Kierra (Kiki) Sheard keenly understands strong legacy will continue if younger women listen. "I've learned from Mother Rivers not to get hung up on yourself and...not be afraid to take the Gospel outside church." The twentysomething Grammy nominee observes "classy ladies who have impacted me. Mom (Karen Clark Sheard) tells me to have anointing. Aunt Dorinda urges me to know God's character. Future leaders should learn why we have the disciplines of our denomination, adapt to traditions, and make suggestions. And we can be fashionable but covered and never become a distraction...know the difference between an entertainer and minstrel."

Mother Rivers champions a special place for mothers who prayed the church through, and First Lady Carolyn Polk of Texas agrees. "They faced hardships, intimidation and persecution. I follow their legacy teaching the women of St. Emmanuel that future generations depend

upon us."

District Missionary Felicia Sanders received a moral heritage from her grandmother, Mother Rosa Hooker. The 44-year-old principal of Chicago's Pullman Elementary School sees future leaders "as progressive." Yet, she says, "forthcoming generations must merge the education the Lord has allowed us to receive and our professional lives with kingdom connection." Relevancy and lying before God has factored in Pullman's achievement scores climbing from 29% to 80% in Sanders' nine years at its helm.

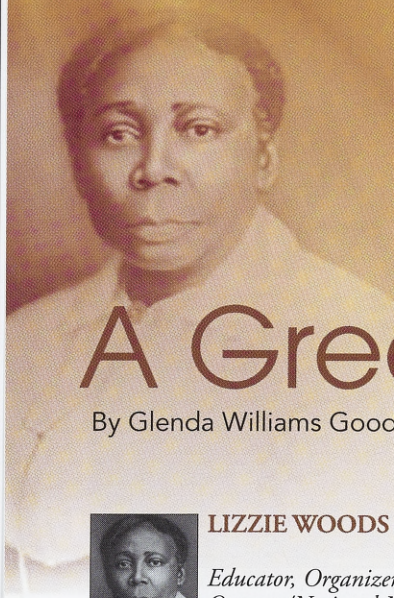
Evangelist Earlyynn McDowell, granddaughter of Bishop Mason, has known each General Supervisor and sees women continuing to move into worldwide ministry. Acknowledging she's treading delicately, she says, "Like empowered women before us, boldly speak the Word. More prepared women should teach rather than preach. We need to be more educated – not necessarily having graduate or post-graduate degrees – giving the Word so individuals can accept Jesus and God will open blinded eyes and change hearts."

For Associate Justice BJ Warren McKinney, full equality for women in ministry looms large. "We have helped change the world through Sunday Schools, prayer services, leading devo-

tions and undergirding our churches financially. However, it seems that we have been not taken care of and I fault nobody." The issue of women left destitute, perhaps through ignorance of the law, is of concern. "I think one of the things we have to be is the best we can be, and sometimes we have to be better than that. We must educate ourselves legally with wills and trusts...to protect (ourselves)."

People born today will live in the 22nd century and by all accounts the Department is in no serious danger. "As a fellow laborer in the 'vineyard of the Lord,'" says Bishop Blake, "I am glad for their leadership, example, and contribution that assist with the furtherance of ministry, global impact, and kingdom building." For the next 100 years COGIC women will continue to imagine, dream and work and make a *Better World*.

Author Glenda Williams Goodson, a member of the Women's Department History Committee is founder of The Center for African American Church History and Research and a member of The Historic Open Door COGIC in Dallas, Texas. Her latest book, *Royalty Unveiled: Female Int'l Missionaries of the COGIC 1920-1970*, is available at Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.com.



A Great Centennial: The Dep

By Glenda Williams Goodson



LIZZIE WOODS ROBINSON

Educator, Organizer, First Women's Overseer/National Mother,
1911 - 1945

The dynamic nature of COGIC's first General Supervisor's organizational skills cannot be overstated. This former slave's quick-witted response to a lack of organized learning was recognized, when at age 8 (three years after the Emancipation Proclamation), she read the Holy Bible to both children and adults. As an entrepreneur, she influenced Southern women to form Bible Bands and sold *Hope* magazines designed to teach practical truths of God's Word. Seeing her industriousness, *Hope* founder Joanna Moore recommended her for admission to the Baptist Missionary Society's School, after which she became matron of girls.

After receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, Robinson suffered rejection. Rotten eggs were thrown at her, and she was beaten and thrown in jail for her stand for holiness. Bishop Mason appointed her Overseer of Women in 1911.

Partial Listing of her accomplishments:

- Immediately formed the first auxiliary of the Department of Women — the Prayer and Bible Band
- Toured 26 cities in one year, organizing State Women's Departments
- Raised money that, according to Bishop Mason, "gave the church standing with the White and Negro banks."
- Started the foreign missions work in her home, and then introduced Elder Searcy to the church to officially establish the Missions Department in 1926

- With her husband established the first COGIC in Omaha, Neb.
- Trained first tier of female leaders who came to be known as "State Mothers"
- Purchased the COGIC sign at Mason Temple



LILLIAN BROOKS COFFEY

Second National Mother, Economic Stimulator, Innovator, Civic Leader,
1945 - 1964

Any successful leader encounters obstacles but uses discernment and insight to overcome challenges to have vision evolve to reality. A new power in the DOW emerged when Lillian Brooks Coffey was unanimously chosen as the Second National Mother. Called a "Great Dreamer," her prowess for innovative ways to move the DOW forward makes an interesting case analysis.

Timing. It is said that the young Brooks, Mason's first choice to organize the women, acquiesced and recommended Mrs. Lizzie Woods Robinson. And while Robinson plowed through hard fields, Brooks Coffey had more freedom to move the prototype of the first 35 years to the reality of enhancement of women's training and leadership.

Innovation. Although her 1950 idea for a convention championed the cause of missions, Coffey's *Better Homes, Better Schools, Better Communities, Better World* was formulated and examined in 1951 when 100 Red Card women entered Los Angeles for the First Women's Convention.

Pragmatic compassion. Possibly using the famous Hull House as a model, during World War II, the DOW purchased a millionaire's for-

mer Detroit residence for a reported \$300,000 so that older missionaries of any denomination could retire with dignity.

Civic involvement. Coffey, along with Dr. Arenia Mallory (America's first Black female college president), influenced generations by having the DOW partner with affinity groups such as the National Council of Negro Women and Council of Women of the United States to exchange ideas to help African-Americans.

Partial list of her accomplishments:

- Established Chicago's first COGIC, and then asked Bishop Mason to send "Brother Willie" (later Bishop William M. Roberts) to pastor
- The DOW allocated as much as \$75,000 annually for Saints College
- Changed the title State Mother to State Supervisor
- The DOW supported 12 missions stations, and Coffey traveled with International Missionary Dorothy Webster to install her as representative to Haiti
- In 1953, the DOW built the Mason family a ranch-style home on the Mason Temple campus
- Adjutant General in the Women's Army for National Defense



ANNIE PENNINGTON BAILEY

Evangelist, Missions Supporter, Reconciler,
1964 - 1975

During 100 years of any endeavor there will be times of change and conflict. Annie Pennington Bailey was called "The Darling of the Brotherhood" as she led the women in tenderness and honesty during the Dark Days of the

Lizzie Woods Robinson 34 years

Lillian Brooks Coffey 19 years

Annie Pennington Bailey 11 years

1911

1945

1964

1975

Department of Women

Humbly they helped to shape the history of this great church

COGIC leadership's struggle for power.

It is ironic that God prepared the dignified and genteel Bailey to address a contentious and diverse constituency while conducting evangelistic crusades on the streets of New York and around the Eastern Seaboard. She led Joseph Paulceus, a Haitian national, to Jesus while working with the team. He went on to establish the first Pentecostal church in Haiti in 1929 and by the time Dorothy Exume was stationed there in the 1940s, the Church Of God In Christ had over 10,000 members.

Partial list of her accomplishments:

- Organized the Business and Professional League and National Sunday School Representatives
- Supported international missionaries through purchasing and maintaining health insurance, purchasing clothing and sending personal funds
- Along with her husband in the 1930s, purchased transportation for COGIC Liberian missions



MATTIE MCGLOTHEN

Trailblazer, Evangelist, Organizer
1976 – 1994

As a young woman, McGlothen was miraculously healed of tuberculosis. Her knowledge of the saving, delivering and healing power of God undergirded her during the duration of her ministry. During the early days, she and her husband Elder (later Bishop) Charles W. McGlothen slept in their car while evangelizing in their home state of Oklahoma and later as they headed West.

Because of her pioneering, evangelistic and organizational work, in 1933 she was appointed Supervisor of Northern California.

Partial list of her accomplishments:

- Founder, National Hospitality Unit
- Organized/revived the Educational and Scholarship Fund and Emergency Relief Unit
- Organized Screening Committee for Jurisdictional Supervisors



EMMA SEARCY CROUCH

Pioneer traveling evangelist, Servant Leader,
1994 – 1997

The shortest tenured General Supervisor, this Yellow Rose of Texas experienced a fulfilling life as a servant. As the Holiness-Pentecostal church spread outside the tri-states of Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee, workers were found riding circuits to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Crouch told the story of being forced by Jim Crow laws to ride in cattle and poultry cars with an evangelistic team as one of the groups opening up Texas for COGIC. She loved children and worked tirelessly as Texas Southwest State Sunshine Band President prior to her appointment as State Mother. In 1957, she was appointed National Usher Board President and in 1960 to the National Board of Trustees.

Partial list of her accomplishments:

- Women's Convention Orchestra

- Organized the Christian Women's Council
- Appointed Lelia Mason Byas as DOW Historian
- Organized General Board Bishops' Wives unit
- Divided Board of Supervisors into Circle One and Circle Two



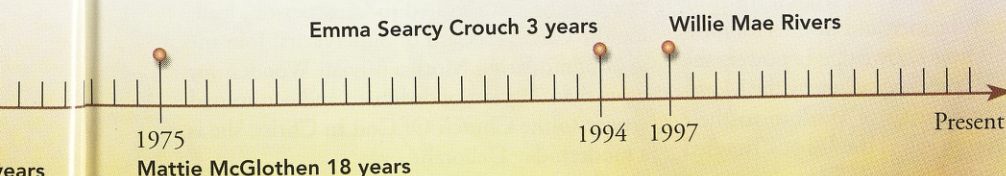
WILLIE MAE RIVERS

Current International Supervisor,
1997-Present

Mother Willie Mae Rivers, called the "Sweet-heart of the Church Of God In Christ," rode bicycles to spread the message of hope and salvation during her early sanctified life. As the current International Supervisor, she has created such innovations to transform the DOW that followers are amazed.

Partial list of her accomplishments:

- DOW Handbook Revision
- Supervisor's Installation Service
- Newly Appointed Supervisors Classes and Training Manual
- Training class for Newly Appointed Supervisors
- Recognition of new National Evangelists
- Units and Circles: Supervisors without charge, Superintendent's Wives, Pastors' Wives, Elders and Ministers' Wives Circle, Overcomers Unit
- Morning Glory! quarterly newsletter
- Grievance Committee
- WIC Twelve Hours of Prayer
- 49 and Under Session with the General Supervisor
- 49 and Under Prayer Team
- Mother Willie Mae Rivers Scholarship Fund
- Convention Symposium addressing real women's issues in the 21st century
- Recognition of seniors 80 years and older attending the convention
- Men's Class
- Park Outreach and Nursing Home Outreach Ministry



By Dr. Diana C. Banks
Assistant Secretary - Advisory Board

Wisdom from the Bosom



I Thessalonians 5:12-13, encourages us to know them that labor among us and to esteem them highly. The world calls men who are admired for their courage and noble actions heroes. These men are spotlighted by the news media and recognized for their contributions to society. In our church we have many heroes and sheroes of the faith who have given unselfishly of their time and talents to build families, churches and communities without recognition. These are called unsung heroes, and I want to share two infamous women who have served our church for more than 70 years in ministry as unsung she-roes.

Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Certainly the late Bishop David Archie Reed, prelate of Kentucky and the late National Evangelist Carrie Lee Reed believed this scripture and thus trained their daughter, Mother Charlotte Eades, in holy principles. She was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at the tender young age of six years old and has served faithfully in our great Church for more than 80



**Mother
Charlotte Eades,
Jurisdictional
Supervisor,
Illinois 1st
Jurisdiction**

years!!!! What an accomplishment to serve one church for more than eight decades.

Mother Eades, a widow, was married to the same man for more than 59 years. She is a faithful mother, grandmother, Revivalist, and has served as a Jurisdictional Supervisor for the Illinois 1st Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Ocie Booker for more than 15 years.

Taking her unique gifts and talents to the community, Mother Eades has visited the prisons to help set the captive free, and she continues to visit the widows, orphans and the sick at the age of 87. She has launched a community-wide project known as "The New Generation," that is tailored to women ages 20 to 45 years old, teaching entrepreneur principles.

Mother Eades is a former principal of the Tabernacle Christian Academy; and she worked with the late Presiding Bishop Louis Henry Ford as the Dean of the C.H. Mason Institute training and licensing men and women for ministry. Understanding knowledge is power, she facilitates monthly meetings whereby the Mothers in Zion depart pearls of wisdom to their daughters in a forum called the "Roads Traveled and Lessons Learned Institute."

She is best known for her famous quote: "Lots of things change in the church but stick to the foundation, adhere to the doctrine and God will see us through any situation." Mother Eades is a member of the National Advisory Board for the Department of Women and is the General Supervisor Area Representative for the Heartland Area (Canada, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin). Join me in celebrating a female "E. F. Hutton: Mother Charlotte Eades, when she speaks everybody listens!"



**Mother
Vivian Wooden,
Jurisdictional
Supervisor,
New Jersey 3rd
Jurisdiction**

One's greatness is not measured by the number of degrees or jobs he or she has held, but by the number of lives he or she has transformed for Jesus Christ. Mother Vivian Wooden has been a member of the Church Of God In Christ for more than 71 years. An active member of Cotton Temple Church Of God In Christ in Jersey City, N.J., she was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost under the leadership of the late Bishop Benjamin H. Broadie.

A Jurisdictional Supervisor for more than 24 years, she has served under the late Presiding Bishop Chandler David Owens, Bishop William Cahoon, and now the honorable Bishop Norman Prescott, prelate of New Jersey Third Jurisdiction. As a retired health care professional (R.N.), she spent time perfecting her role as a wife to her sweetheart of more than 52 years, Deacon Clifford Wooden and as a stay-at-home mom.

Mother Wooden's ministry encompasses teaching women to keep their homes together through fasting and prayer. She admonishes women to remember to be careful of the company they keep, understanding Proverbs 22:1, "A good name is to be chosen more than great riches, and favor is better than silver and gold."

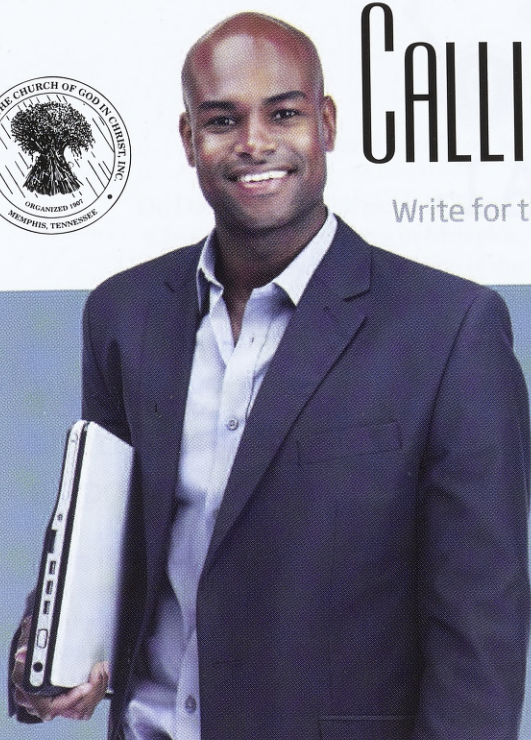
Mother Wooden serves as a member of the highest board in the Department of Women: the Executive Board, and as the Assistant General Supervisor's Area Representative. Most recently she was elevated to Chairperson, leading the Circle 1 Board of Supervisors. Join me in congratulating Mother Vivian Wooden for more than 71 years of dedicated and committed service to the Church Of God In Christ; she is a modern-day Deborah.

In our last edition, we talked about the beauty of using technology to improve our communications within the ministry. During this tough economy it behooves us to become familiar with the various technology options available for conducting department and auxiliary meetings to eliminate unnecessary travel expenses to the ministry at-large. Kudos to Dr. Sheary Johnson for her innovative approach to training missionaries by using online curriculum empowering women to balance work, home, church and school! Our church is truly blessed to have many saved, anointed, innovative, and business savvy women, who are unsung "sheroes of the faith." These women are known as role models who inspire both men and women, boys and girls to accomplish the extraordinary.



CALLING ALL CHRISTIAN JOURNALISTS

Write for the Church Of God In Christ Whole Truth Magazine



The **Whole Truth Magazine** is one of our institution's sacred treasures. The history and heritage of **The Whole Truth Magazine** is anchored in the philosophy and thinking of our founder, Bishop Charles H. Mason, and the editorial staff is looking for writers. As the official magazine of the Church Of God In Christ, **The Whole Truth** is an excellent venue for you to share your passion for writing with our membership.

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O P - E D EDITORIAL

We Need The “Whole Truth” Now More Than Ever

Former editor reflects on the past, present and future of this COGIC mainstay

The Whole Truth began as the primary source of official news in the Church Of God In Christ. Bishop Charles Harrison Mason established the newspaper with his counterpart Charles Price Jones at the inception of their fledgling church, which they established in 1897. At that time it was known as *Truth*.

After the split and reorganization of the Church as a Pentecostal institution in 1907, Bishop Mason changed the name to *The Whole Truth* (The Church was later incorporated in 1915). Over time the paper became the official voice and organ of the Church Of God In Christ. I contend *The Whole Truth* remains vitally significant for the dissemination of information that is organizationally relevant.

The Whole Truth Newspaper helped Mason cultivate the ethos of the church. The paper was circulated through the U.S. mail and delivered in bundles. The paper's pages gave the saints not only a reliable and trusted source of news, but also, testimonies, explanations of doctrinal teachings, and the postings of individuals who were found in disfavor with the leadership. Equally important were the social updates such as weddings, deaths and establishment of ministries.

When *The Whole Truth* “posted” a statement, it served as a caution to saints about an individual whose life or ministry disputed the lives and ministries of the Church. That person was finished until he repented, and then the posted statement was retracted.

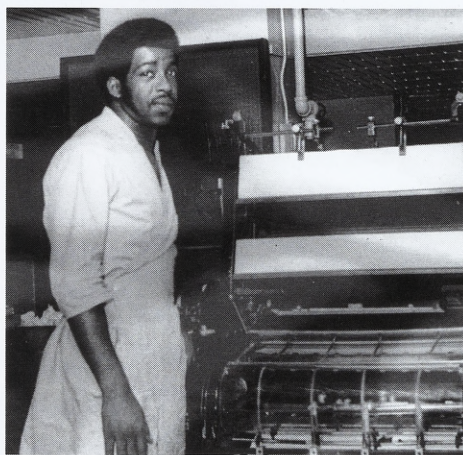
Sharing the Faith

The newspaper symbolized Bishop Mason's authority. If one can only imagine, what the newspapers' delivery meant: communities were filled with anticipation, and great expectation of reading Bishop Mason's prayers, messages and directives for edification. The paper was also a channel of faith for its readers. Saints would print testimonies and share news of healings. Some even used the pages of the newspaper as a point of healing contact, pinning the pages on

a shirt or carrying a testimony in their wallet.

The Whole Truth newspaper carried a tremendous organizational significance, too! It provided confirmation of Mason's centralized authority, and strengthened the leadership of the appointees he made by printing their names and functions in the newspaper. *The Whole Truth* posited magisterial control to Mason and he could make appointments without traveling to an area. Bishop Mason would appoint a preacher to take authority of an area, and then print that appointment in *The Whole Truth*. If

one read about that appointment in *The Whole Truth*, it was the truth! Therefore, it was with great enthusiasm that saints would call the local



Publishing House employee printing YPWW topics.

church family together and read the entire paper in the open.

Confirming Leadership

The paper also served as a vehicle for leadership to provide teaching moments. Shaping the character and administrative abilities of impoverished, and often poorly educated, people was essential for elevating the status and credibility of the Church in many communities.

Mason and his appointees shaped the charac-

ter, language and attitude of a migrating and socially deprived people. The paper was unequivocal evidence of Mason's control of the institution he founded despite the image of other more established religious groups in American life, particularly those with White hierarchy. The paper's photos and stories showed Bishop Mason with public figures of diverse backgrounds, and told our story — in our voice — as we emerged as a respected body of believers before the world. Bishop Mason made his own press and controlled the growth and development of the Church. For these reasons, many White persons belong to the Church Of God In Christ and carried our ordination and license.

Mason's travel schedule, preaching and related interaction with other church pioneers became the source of his growing image as a black religious leader and Holy man. *The Whole Truth* editors, Charles H. Mason, D.J. Young, and Mother Elia V. Sparks, printed simple stories of faith and testimonies of healings that were performed in the life of the Church. *The Whole Truth* shared the stories of our quest to serve God as a holiness organization.

Likewise, Bishop Jack Whitehead and I related the stories and documented the development of the Church Of God In Christ in the Post Wilderness years, and chronicled the tenures of leaders such as J.O. Patterson, Sr. L.H. Ford, C.D. Owens, G.E. Patterson and currently C.E. Blake. From 1968 to date, the Church Of God In Christ has grown into a progressive worldwide organization — our growth has been chronicled in the pages of *The Whole Truth*.

A Tradition Lives On

Telling the story of our church is the quintessential purpose of the present day magazine. *The Whole Truth* no longer “posts” any of the old fashion warnings. We all have grown beyond that! In 1989, upon the passing of Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr., the newspaper

By Bishop David Allen Hall, Sr.

Dr. David Allen Hall is pastor of Temple Church Of God In Christ in Memphis. He is also the newly installed Bishop of the Tennessee Headquarters Jurisdiction.



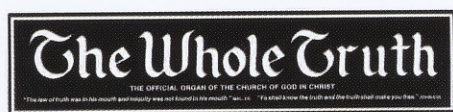
Executive Board views new printing press circa 1960's

“Bishop Mason would appoint a preacher to take authority of an area, and then print that appointment in *The Whole Truth*. If one read about that appointment in *The Whole Truth*, it was the truth!”

--Bishop David Hall

printed a dedicated edition. That January 1990 edition was cited by a conference at Harvard University as a model for religious organization news periodicals. That citation serves as a great testament to the newspaper/magazine's historically high editorial standards.

During Bishop Chandler David Owens's administration the change was made from newspaper to a magazine format. Now, the Church's Publishing Board has taken the challenge of broadening our focus and incorporating contributions made by members of our Church from every walk of life. Presiding Bishop Blake endeavors to have a digital version for world-

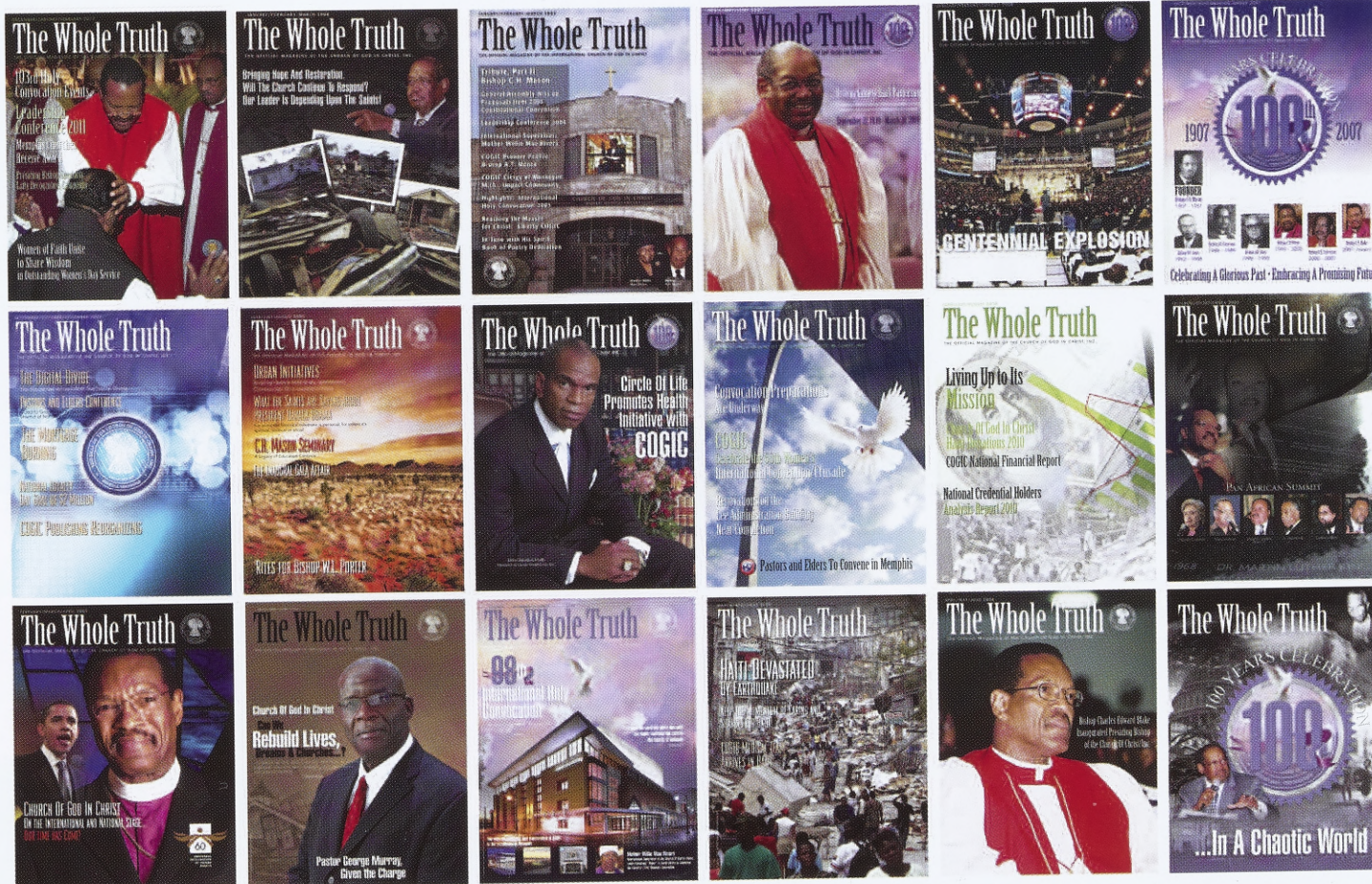


wide dispatch in order to capture a larger audience. The magazine has yet to become the source of news in 60 countries where we preach the gospel. The organization and structure of the magazine is becoming strategic in its editorial mission and business approach, thereby expanding its reach and making it a relevant news source for saints everywhere.

I celebrate *The Whole Truth*'s longevity and purpose in the life of the Church! In this digital

era, it remains a critical and important vehicle for the Church. The Publishing Board is attempting to upgrade the magazine and promote the ministry of our leadership and expose the great work of individuals, as well as the Church Of God In Christ.

No longer, a black-and-white newspaper, *The Whole Truth* is now presented in a sophisticated multi-colored print layout, and in a digital presentation to meet the current demands and desires of our audience. I suggest you subscribe and share in the life of the ever growing Church Of God In Christ. What better source for news than *The Whole Truth* Magazine?



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The Magic City of Birmingham, Alabama, did not disappoint the thousands who came to be a part of the supernatural move of God at the 2012 AIM Experience! Marked by a whirlwind of educational workshops, upbeat concerts and spiritually-charged worship services, the Auxiliaries in Ministry Convention by all accounts was an overwhelming success.



AIM drum line



Young people praising God in song



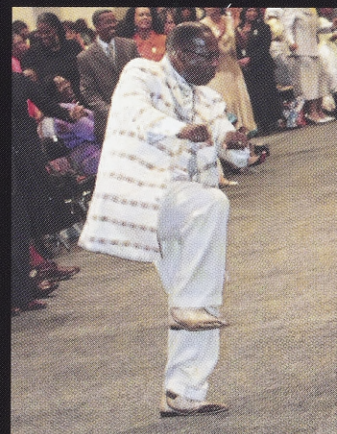
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Bishop Carlis L. Moody, Sr., Missions President, & Elder Edward Anderson



Texas Northwest Jurisdiction Youth



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Elder Ben Stephens, VP/YPWW & the Young Men of Valor



Bishop J. Drew Sheard, encourages Supt. Linwood Dillard as he ministers



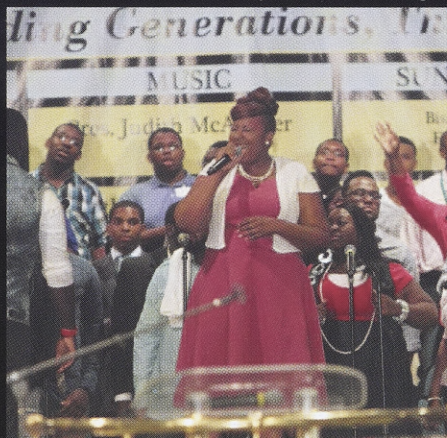
First Lady Mae Blake, and Evang. Karen C. Sheard sharing in prayer



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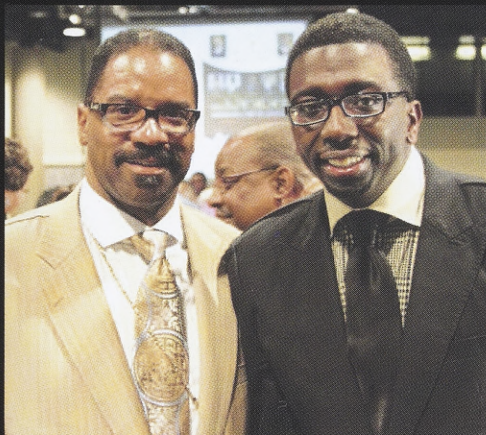
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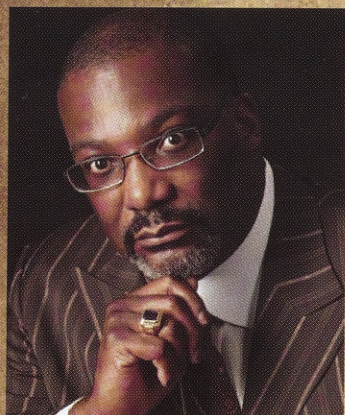
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General Supervisor, Mother Willie Mae Rivers



Children's Church



Protect Yourself Against Identity Theft

MONEY IN A MINUTE

By Bishop Frank Anthone White

John 10:10: The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy... (NLT)

Everywhere we turn there are reports of public and private sector breaches and compromised data. The SEC requires publicly traded companies to disclose data breaches.

Many years ago, while attending to my itinerant ministry, I received a call from a neighbor who informed me that my mailbox had been violated and sensitive financial information had been exposed. To my chagrin, I became a victim of identity theft!

While frequent data breaches may have desensitized some of you to identity theft, it's very important to pay attention to early warning signs that your information is being used illegally.

For the most part, identity thieves are pretty sophisticated. They take advantage of distraction and trust and look for the slightest crevice to crawl into our lives.

In a digital age, a shredder won't protect you against many common forms of identity theft but that doesn't mean you shouldn't bother getting one.

When most people think about identity theft, they often still think in terms of physical theft.

There's the classic image of a burglar going through your trash in the dead of night, pulling out bank statements and credit card offers and using them to steal funds or open fraudulent accounts in your name. It's for this reason that identity theft experts recommend getting a shredder to destroy any sensitive documents before disposing of them.

But stealing disposed documents is just one way that thieves can get at your financial data. Many financial services research firms conduct an annual survey of identity theft victims, which includes asking them how their data was accessed.

In the past, identity thieves primarily accessed records out of the trash.

Today, it is essential to implement computer security safeguards which include:

1. Installing security software.
2. Using a password on your wireless router, and
3. Avoid conducting financial transactions on public Wi-Fi networks.

Also, be cautious of "phishing" scams, in which scammers pose as a financial institution in an attempt to trick you into handing over sensitive information. By definition

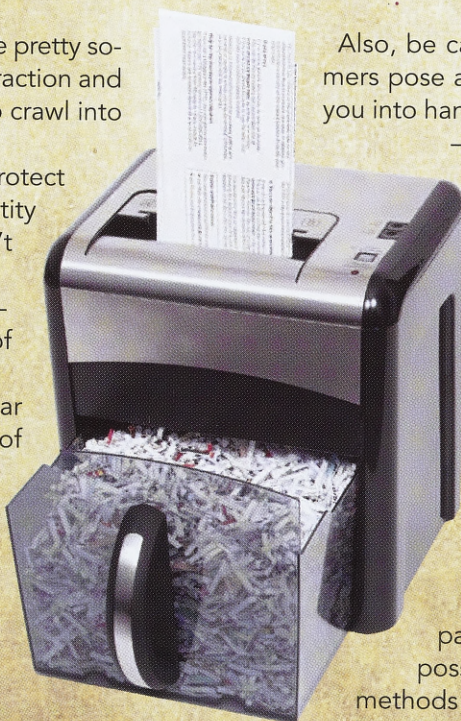
– phishing is a scam by which an email user is duped into revealing personal or confidential information that the scammer can use illicitly.

Mobile security is also important, as people increasingly use smartphones to conduct financial transactions and store data.

According to one information security officer, it is of the utmost importance to use password protection on your phone and have a mobile security program in place that enables you to wipe the phone of sensitive data in the event that it's lost or stolen.

Even if you're shredding every piece of paper in your home or office and taking every possible online security precaution, there are still methods of stealing your identity that are almost completely out of your control. Therefore, vigilance is your best tool.

Sign up for e-alerts from your bank and monitor your statements electronically. You might not be able to prevent every avenue of identity theft, but you can minimize the dam-



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age if you monitor your accounts and immediately notify the bank of unusual account activity.

Even if identity thieves aren't dumpster diving as much as they used to, it would be foolish to completely disregard the importance of document shredding.

Monitoring your accounts and online security should probably be your priorities.

The numerous documents that can be used to commit some form of fraud includes everything from bank statements to preapproved credit card offers to receipts and letters from your insurance company.

Even an expired credit card can be used by a thief, so that too must be shredded before disposal. If a charlatan is familiar with the issuing financial institution, he or she can figure out what the new expiration date is. It's the same account number and the name is the same, so that information can be used to commit fraud.

Additionally, please be aware that many thieves prefer dumpster diving to mail theft because stealing mail out of your box is a federal offense; however, many courts have upheld that once you've thrown out your garbage, you no longer have an expectation of privacy.

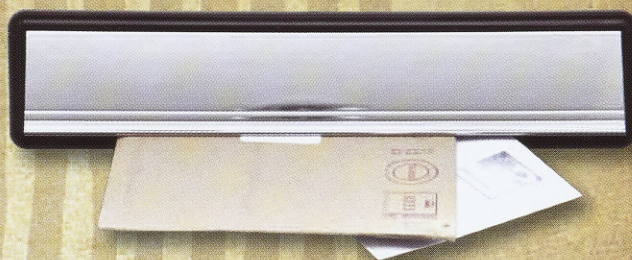
So even in this digital age, a shredder is still a must-have tool if you want to protect yourself from fraud.

Remember to check all three of your credit reports every 6-12 months.

In speaking with many fraud and information security experts, these are a few quick and easy things you can do to protect yourself from identity theft.

Essential safety measures:

- Only transmit your private data on secure online forms with "https" in the URL
- Install virus protection software on your computer
- Do not carry your Social Security Card with you.
- Select complicated passwords that combine numbers and




letters (i.e. 5ps98xw)

- Change all your passwords every few months
- Change your account numbers and passwords after a divorce. Generally speaking, you should never reveal passwords or sensitive personal information to anyone
- Install a locking mailbox so no one can violate your mailbox (including an upscale neighborhood)
- Don't include your Social Security number or driver's license number on your checks
- Review your bank statements and credit card bills carefully for fraudulent charges
- Don't give out personal information over the phone

You can opt-out of receiving credit card offers in the mail by calling 1-888-5-OPTOUT

John 10:10: The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. (NLT)

A portrait of John W. Daniels, Jr., a Black man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is sitting at a desk with his hands clasped in front of him. Behind him is a colorful abstract painting with geometric shapes in blue, yellow, and red.


Lawyers in the House

Legal Eagles keep church and clients honest and accountable

By Lisa Townsel

Within our gates God has graced the Church Of God In Christ with many talented folk who walk the walk of faith in their boardrooms and homes. Moreover, they bring exceptional gifts into congregations worldwide, enriching them as they share their love for the Lord and earnestly provide needed service to the church.

This is one reason the Publishing Board Chairman, Attorney John W. Daniels, Jr. wanted to begin a series of articles within the *Whole Truth* that extolled the growth of the church and the breadth of experience among those of various professions. Our lawyer members have an impact in business, civic and governmental positions of high importance around the country! Did you know member-lawyers of COGIC currently hold the position of U.S. attorney in Tennessee and clerk of courts in Illinois?

 **John W. Daniels, Jr.**
Chairman, Publishing House Board

LEADING IN LEADERSHIP

We begin this series highlighting attorneys, of whom Chairman Daniels is a chief example. A graduate of Harvard Law School, the uber-skilled statesman is a highly esteemed business and real estate attorney and chairman of the Quarles & Brady law firm (one of the country's largest law firms with more than 450 attorneys). He has brokered countless seven-digit deals, serves as chairman of the board of his sister Evg. Valerie Daniels Carter's fast-food business, and chairs the Church Of God In Christ's Publishing House Board. Under his direction, the board has updated, redesigned and reinvigorated sales for the Publishing House and its cadre of publications including the *Whole Truth*.

"We have enormous resources in the Church Of God In Christ, but an important aspect of getting the benefit of those resources is by bringing people together. Obviously, it is a testament to Bishop Ford's foresight that years ago he pro-

posed a national association of COGIC attorneys. The ranks have grown and their importance in many respects has changed very dramatically. They are at the heart of some of the most important legal roles in the country and provide an enormous resource to the church. That's why I thought it was important to bring them all together to share our common experiences.

"I lead a global law firm and I owe that success to this church.

"I have had the pleasure of meeting many other attorneys with similar backgrounds and they are all committed to finding ways to use their talents to help the church. This is one small step in making that a lot more effective, and I'm tremendously proud to be a part of it," Daniels states.

There are more than three dozen attorneys in COGIC, all working behind the scenes and out front, ensuring that their clients remain in good-

standing with the law on every level. They represent the invisible thread of our society that keeps people honest and accountable, and provides a degree of safety for some of the most vulnerable members of the community.

A NEW DAY

Publishing House Board Vice Chair Uleses C. Henderson Jr. says it is a sign of the times. "In the early days of the church, many members were sharecroppers and not particularly educated, but they were spirit-filled and extremely spiritual in their call and conviction," notes Henderson, senior counsel for the Encino, California-based intellectual property law firm The Eclipse Group. "The children of the sharecroppers have the opportunity to go to school and get professional careers. It's been an evolution of a few generations, removed from that poor group and now you're seeing the members of our church going to college. They're more edu-

cated and they're coming back with professional skills that they're contributing to the church."

Henderson should know. Not only is he a Publishing House board member, he also serves as Special Counsel to the Presiding Bishop, and he is a National Adjutant Overseer and member of the Constitution Committee of the General Assembly. "What you're seeing is an evolution," he asserts. "With a little more learned generation of congregants, there are more tangible skills that can move the church from the four walls into the community. The church has a lot to offer the ecumenical community but also the nation and world."

April Forbes of Hudson, N.Y., grew up in the church. Her father, Godfrey Forbes is pastor of Holy Temple First Church Of God In Christ in New York and an administrative assistant and district superintendent for the Upper Hudson District. But what Forbes contributes of her own time and talents is just as valuable to the assembly. Currently, she is a member of the Special Misconduct Review board and she's been a part of the Office of General Counsel of

sound," notes Forbes, who has worked for numerous East Coast law firms in risk management. "Working from that context, the church has to cover itself and be in compliance and that has opened up opportunities."

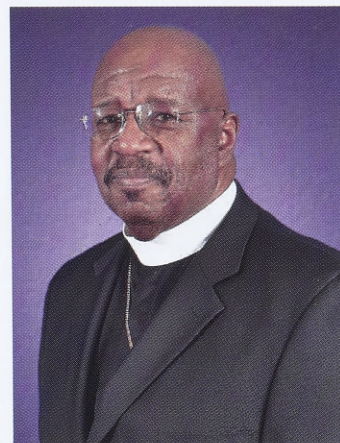
Her work mostly centers on malpractice, liability and employment litigation matters. And most is done on behalf of churches of various denominations, where she must take on sensitive matters such as sexual misconduct and financial improprieties.

Overall, Forbes says COGIC has been proactive in staving off problems. "They haven't waited until a storm to prepare, but have been proactive and up to date and that has opened up the arena," she says. "We're offering our time, and it's our honor to do it ... to bring the church up to date."

COGIC'S GENERAL COUNSEL

The chief attorney for the Church Of God In Christ is Bishop Enoch Perry, III, who has served in this capacity for more than 14 years. Bishop Perry's legal career began in the late

That same year, Bishop Perry was appointed by the late Presiding Bishop L. H. Ford to function on a national level as chairman of the COGIC's National Lawyers Committee. In 1994, Bishop Chandler Owens asked him to serve in the capacity of the church's top legal of-



Bishop Enoch Perry III

ficer. Since then, he has served as general counsel for four administrations. He and his team "went around the country putting out some of the legal fires that occurred," Perry recalls. Currently, the Office of the General Counsel is made up of a select team of attorneys with specialized areas of expertise. They include Uleses C. Henderson, Jr., April Forbes, Robert Cowan, and Ruth Barrett.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

How would one define the role of the Office of General Counsel? Think of it as an in-house law firm for the Church Of God In Christ. "We represent the National Church in all of its legal matters as it relates to the implementation of the laws. People call, even overseas, seeking legal advice regarding conflicts with bishops, pastors, board of directors. We try to lend advice and bring formality to situations. When local churches are sued," he says, "we try to lend out a hand."

To resolve conflicts, Bishop Perry states that his office relies on two basic sources: "We take the facts and apply them to the Bible and to COGIC's Official Manual."

The Official Manual, last printed in 1973, includes the constitution and bylaws of the church and speaks of the relationships between the various factions. Bishop Perry adds, "It defines the local church: what it is, and what it can and cannot do."

Also applicable during disputes is the green-and-white compendium that Bishop Perry calls

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- John W. Daniels Jr.



Vice Chair Uleses C. Henderson Jr.

COGIC since 2003.

Over the years, she says more doors have flung open, providing her with an opportunity to share what she knows with the church. "The church has undergone a change in terms of the importance of the institution being legally

1960s as a law clerk for a small firm in our nation's capital. A short time later, he worked his way up to trial attorney with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission headquartered in Washington, D.C. Over the course of a little more than a decade, he served as special attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office, and sat on the clemency board for the White House. Ultimately, Bishop Perry ended his secular career as an administrative judge for the federal government. Since then, he has operated a family law/personal injury law practice which provides legal service to residents in Maryland and the District of Columbia. He is also licensed in Pennsylvania and Tennessee. In 1981, Bishop Perry joined Refreshing Springs Church of God in Christ, and committed his heart to Jesus Christ. In 1991, he was appointed pastor of his current home church, Jerusalem Church Of God In Christ in southeast Washington, D.C.



First Lady Barbara W. McKinney

“We need professionals to bring their profession to the church and share it to make us a better body.”

- Barbara “BJ” Warren McKinney

the “how-to-do-it-guide” companion book. It covers church doctrine and tenets between 1969 through 1990.

The Office of General Counsel has been involved in the implementation of several church-wide initiatives, too, including COGIC Charities, COGIC Development Corporation and Urban Initiatives Inc. The office also conducts seminars dealing with hot-button issues such as sexual misconduct, which has become more prevalent within the Church over the past few years. “We do what any law firm would do, and primarily on behalf of the church,” Perry concludes.

Three main areas of law for the Office of General Counsel:

- Legal advisory board of the Presiding Bishop and the General Board
- Engage in resolution of cases such as sexual misconduct, contract disputes or formulating contracts
- Offer legal counsel to every department of the church

BREAKING NEW GROUND

One of the people that Bishop Perry worked with during the early days of the Office of General Counsel was Barbara “BJ” Warren McKinney. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School, she worked as an attorney and later as a municipal court judge in Texas.

“She is the nicest person, always has been. Sometimes people get in positions and they change. But she has been consistent down through the years,” he recalls. “We’ve been working together forever.”

At first, Attorney McKinney wasn’t sure that she’d follow a legal path. “After I left school, I

had an idea of wanting to work in an executive position in government. I had a master’s degree in public administration and went to work for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and then with the Housing Development Corporation in Kansas City, and finally with a housing allowance experiment being conducted in South Bend, Indiana, the program now known as Section 8. It was a great experience in South Bend Indiana. Because of the work I did with lawyers during this housing experiment I decided to go to Law School at Notre Dame.”

McKinney landed a legal job with a large diesel engine company after graduation and later started a law firm of her own with Bishop Harold Calvin Ray in Dallas, Texas. “I had been Baptist all my life. Bishop Ray was COGIC and told me about his church. I got involved in the Church Of God In Christ, starting at the local level and then in national work.”

Nine years ago, Perry encouraged her to run for the Judiciary Board of the church; there had never been a woman on the board, yet she ran and won.

“We loved the church deeply, worked on a number of cases together. And there were a number of people who came on after us. We had great fun. But once you get involved what happens is everyone wants to call you for everything,” she says with a chuckle. “I miss working with the COGIC lawyers, but I couldn’t do both.”

Since then there’s been no looking back for McKinney, who in 2008, also married General Board member, Bishop George D. McKinney and now serves as first lady of St. Stephen’s Cathedral Church Of God In Christ in San Diego, Calif., where her husband is the senior pastor.

McKinney calls the Judiciary Board an important part of the church that is a part of the judicial process of the church. It is the Supreme Court for COGIC. On the jurisdictional level, there is the Pastors and Elders Council, which was established as the trial court. Then there is

the National Pastors and Elders Council (the appeals court). Then there is the Judiciary Board, where final decisions are made “because we are the interpreters of the constitution,” McKinney says of the board that includes three bishops, three elders or pastors and three people from the general assembly.

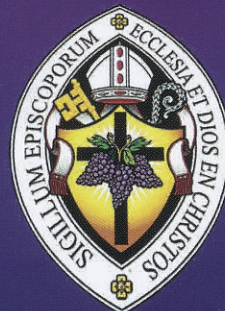
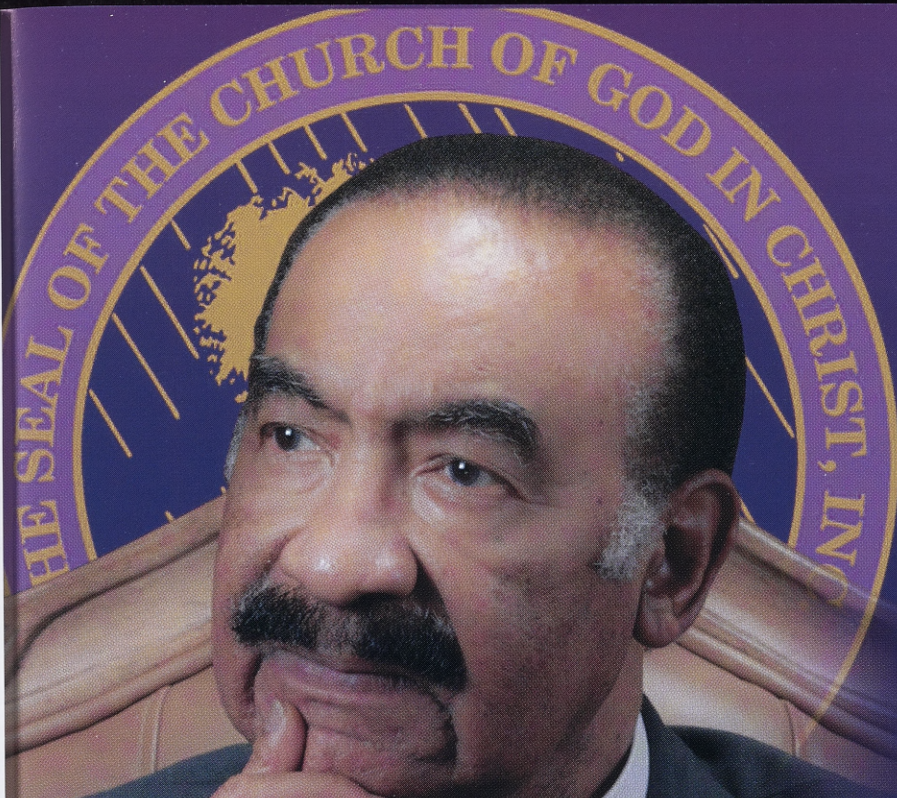
As the first woman on the board, McKinney’s presence is both groundbreaking and maybe too much of an anomaly for some. “I felt very comfortable in making that transition. It was a great group of men. I have friendships and experiences that will last a lifetime. There was certainly some opposition from the standpoint of some who felt that they couldn’t see a woman on the Judiciary Board and that’s to be expected. The job simply entailed someone with integrity, that would be impartial, who would listen to the evidence with a concern that justice and truth should always prevail, no matter who the parties were before us.

“It’s been a journey,” she continues. “The board has changed so much. Some have welcomed females and some had problems. But overall, it’s been a joy.”

PROFESSIONALS IN THE PEW

In her various roles, McKinney says she’s been able to put her legal skills to good use. And she is optimistic about the talents of others being used for kingdom building. “The church is a huge business. We touch on every area of life. We are a corporate body. Lawyers are extremely important, but so are MBAs, accountants, psychologists (we have some real serious social issues in dealing with some of the issues that some leaders have, pornography issues, etc.). There’s probably not a profession that is not needed in this church. We need professionals to bring their profession to the church and share it to make us a better body.”

As you can see, COGIC is really on the move! Our next edition will highlight another profession where members continue to influence and impact the church and the greater community.



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Integrity: More than a term for U.S. Attorney Edward L. Stanton, III



Edward L. Stanton, III, a fourth-generation Church Of God In Christ member, has already led a tremendously fruitful life and career. He's a former president of the National Bar Association – (Ben F. Jones Chapter), served as a member of the Memphis Center City Commission, ran for public office, and served as senior counsel with Federal Express Corporation's Legal-Litigation department before taking on his latest post.

Now, the 40-year-old Memphis native is the United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, making him the chief law enforcement officer and prosecutor of all federal crimes for the 22 counties west of the Tennessee River. Working along with him is a staff of nearly 80 employees, half of which are Assistant U.S. Attorneys, amid two offices in Memphis and an office in the federal courthouse in Jackson, Tenn.

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Santon grew up attending Temple Church Of God In Christ, the "Mother Church," in Memphis and participating in the likes of the Sunshine Band, Purity Class and other coming-of-age church programs. The values passed down in those sessions, he says, served as the training ground for the new role that President Obama appointed him to in April 2010. After enduring an exhaustive vetting process that included probes by the FBI, this young man still arose victorious. He was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate and accepted his new position in August 2010.

(Insider's Note: The day that we caught up with U.S. Attorney Stanton, there had been a bomb threat in his Downtown Memphis office building. While there were many details that he had to attend to that day (including making sure that his staff evacuated the building until U.S. Marshals completed a security sweep), he didn't dare dodge our interview. In fact, he carved out enough time to share how the values he culled as a youth and teen helped to make him the top-notch professional he is today.)

Tell me about your experience growing up as part of Temple COGIC in Memphis?

I'm a fourth-generation COGIC member. My grandfather and namesake was a pioneer of the old Temple COGIC that burned down in Memphis. My maternal grandmother, Mother Alma Johnson, was a nationally renowned and anointed prayer warrior. Today, my paternal

grandmother, parents and siblings all remain active members of Temple. I attended the renovated Temple COGIC growing up, under Supt. J.E. Booker and then under Bishop David A. Hall, Sr. I have grown to appreciate those days when my two sisters and I participated in such church activities as Sunday School, Youth Days, Vacation Bible School, Easter programs, YPWW, and shut-ins. While in law school in 1996, I joined Temple of Deliverance COGIC, under Bishop G.E. Patterson. Superintendent Milton R. Hawkins is now the pastor. It's where I now assist with teaching a Sunday School class of senior high school young men. Bishop Hall still remains a close confidante. Both he and Bishop Patterson married my wife and me.

People are often skeptical of attorneys. How do you remain a person of integrity?

I think that it's about demonstrating character, being grounded and having integrity. I often tell the young men in Sunday School that it starts with the small things. What builds character is what you do when no one is looking. I think you have to build judgment and character at an early age. Start with the small things, like a consistent pattern of doing what's right rather than what's popular. And when you make a mistake, be forthcoming and acknowledge that.

It seems like you've already lived many lives: You worked as a successful corporate attorney and even ran for Congress? Is this what you intended?

I believe my steps have been ordered. However, if someone had told me several years ago that I'd be serving in a presidentially appointed position today, it would have been hard to conceive. My entire legal career has been a testament to maintaining a dedicated work ethic and remaining faithful.

You're a graduate of Central High School and the University of Memphis. Do you get back to your alma maters often?

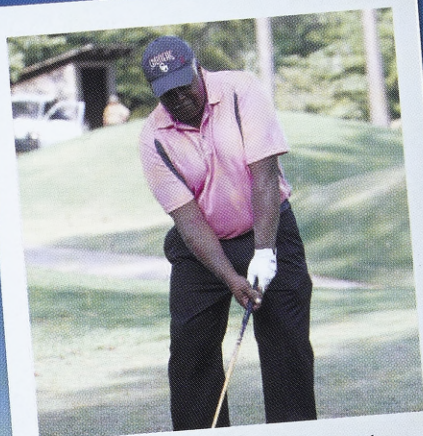
Yes, I participated in 13 commencement exercises last May and June alone. In fact, there's not a week that goes by that I'm not speaking to students. I talk about their integrity. I tell them to watch the people they run with and to have a dream and a plan. I grew up in south Memphis and in the Whitehaven area of the community. I was the first male in my family to earn a doctorate degree. Obviously grades are important, but integrity and character will take you even further.

Tell us about your family.

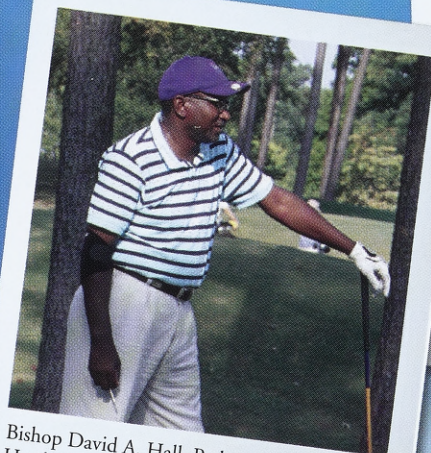
My parents were excellent role models and mentors. Their guidance and sacrifices were nothing short of extraordinary. Faith, family, and education were always stressed in our household as well as the idea of never forgetting where you come from. And I truly could not do what I do – and enjoy all of my successes – without my wife, Mae, my phenomenal partner and best friend. She is a tremendous support. We have a five-year-old son, and a daughter who is seven.

Faith on the Fairways

Dozens of golf aficionados ventured out to Eagle Point Golf Course in Birmingham, Alabama, to partake in the third Annual AIM Golf Tournament.



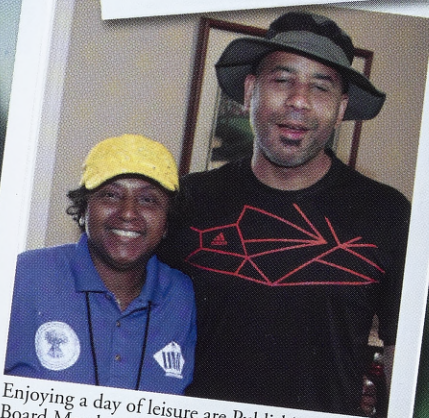
Bishop Malcolm Coby, Prelate of Oklahoma Southeast Jurisdiction gets ready to swing.



Bishop David A. Hall, Prelate, Tennessee Headquarters Jurisdiction watches to see where his golf ball will land.



The Kentucky Contingent that won the tournament: Deacon Poe; Elder Curtis Guyton; and Bishop Dwight Haygood, Jurisdictional Prelate, Kentucky First.



Enjoying a day of leisure are Publishing House Board Members Pastor Ron Owens of Maryland and Dr. Diana Chandler Banks, Supervisor, Maryland Central Jurisdiction.



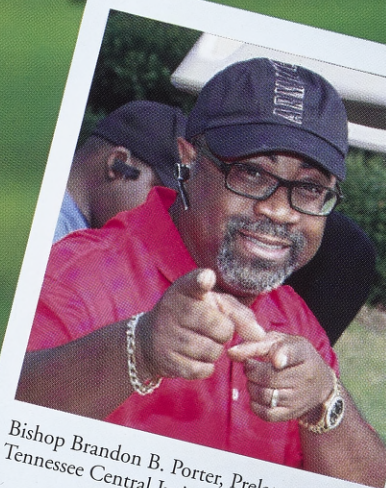
For the love of the Church and the Team: Leslie Stewart, Marketing Director, Publishing House; Vickie Burse, COO, Publishing House; John W. Daniels Jr., Chairman, Publishing House lend a helping hand.



Reacting on the greens: Bishop Frank O. White, Prelate, New York Eastern Third Jurisdiction; and the Tournament Chair and Publishing Board Member Elder Reggie Witherspoon



UPS's Cal Darden; Elder Matthew Brown of Atlanta and Julian Paulk size up the next hole.



Bishop Brandon B. Porter, Prelate of Tennessee Central Jurisdiction, came to play!



Music Matters & More

By Katrina Lyons

Five Mighty Sounds of God

Some of gospel's most influential and undeniable talents are affiliated with The Church Of God In Christ. Whether through missions, education, community service or ministry, COGIC boasts some of the most gifted names on the gospel music tapestry. In fact, many of us have received life-changing inspiration through their resonating music that continues to strike chords in our souls. Here, we celebrate five of our own who have been elevated to the top of their craft.



Kim Burrell

Music Department, Vice Chair

Pastor, Love & Liberty Fellowship Church, Houston, Texas

Recording Artist

With parents in ministry and music, Pastor Kim Burrell seemed destined for gospel greatness from childhood. Since her start at the Greater Emmanuel COGIC Choir of Houston, she has managed to maintain a prosperous career while wearing various hats as a singer, minister, community activist and all-around humble human being. Few artists stay on course in the competitive music industry, but Burrell earned the respect of her industry counterparts for her chameleon-like grace. She has worked with secular artists such as Sean "P-Diddy" Combs, Whitney Houston and Missy Elliott while simultaneously maintaining the respect of her gospel peers with such jazz-infused hits as "Everlasting Life." Pastor Burrell, who shepherds Love & Liberty Fellowship Church in Houston, has tapped into many genres of music while winning two Stellar Awards and a Grammy nomination. Last summer, Burrell graced us with one-of-a-kind vocals that also showcased her writing talents. The release titled, "The Love Album," is a collection of music that celebrates life and love. A powerhouse vocalist, musician and speaker, Pastor Burrell says her ultimate goal is to be used as a vessel to change our world, our lives and our hearts through her music. Look to see this vocal phenomenon with the Boston Pops Symphony next spring. Visit www.kimburrellministries.com for information.



Dr. Dorinda Clark-Cole

Assistant to the Elect Lady of the Department of Evangelism Church Of God In Christ

Member of Emmanuel Institutional Church Of God In Christ, Bishop J. Drew Sheard, Pastor

Recording Artist

Three-time Grammy Award-winning singer Dorinda Clark-Cole of the multitalented Clark Sisters will hold her National Singers and Musicians Conference in September in Detroit. You can learn more about this gospel great and her ministry on her television show, *The Dorinda Show*. The show airs on the TCT channel on Sundays at 9 p.m. EST. Check your cable listings. www.dorindaclarkcole.net



Mary Mary Recording Artist Duo

Gospel trend setters Mary Mary have earned numerous awards, including honors from the Grammy Awards, the American Music Awards, Black Entertainment Television and the NAACP. This dynamic duo just released a new single titled, "Go Get It," from the album by the same name. They also recently marked the second season of their hit reality show "Mary Mary" on We TV.



Donnie McClurkin

Senior Pastor, Perfecting Faith Church, Freeport, N.Y.

Recording Artist

Pastor Donnie McClurkin's innovative talk show, "The Donnie McClurkin Show" is in its fifth year. The Stellar Award-winning gospel artist plans to celebrate the anniversary with comedy, praise and worship during a spectacular finale event in Jamaica this November. Pastor McClurkin is currently sharing his riveting vocals on the "The Kings Men" concert tour. He is joined by fellow gospel talents Marvin Sapp, Israel Houghton and Kirk Franklin. Visit www.donniemcclurkin.com for information.



Vickie Winans Recording Artist, Actress

Sis. Vickie Winans is a comedienne in her own right. Her humor-filled DVD collection, "Hilarious & Unplugged," is a testament to her comedic talent. Winans is now expanding her talents on the silver screen. Winans will play the role of Grace Avery in "Amazin' Grace." The upcoming feature film shines a light on America's homeless crisis. According to the 2012 "State of Homeless in America," there are approximately 643,067 homeless people in America. Partial proceeds from the show will benefit the homeless in America. Visit www.vickiewinans.com for more information about Vickie Winans's multi-faceted ministry.

Katrina Lyons is a member of Mt. Olive Church in Memphis and founder of The Write Enterprise, which specializes in stage, film and literary scripts.

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Dorinda Clark-Cole

Reality show to spotlight first ladies in church

By Chandra Cooper



Hollywood's reality TV has hit the church community and landed right at the doorsteps of some first ladies in Atlanta, Georgia. If you haven't heard the buzz, we've got the scoop on the new reality TV show called "Sisterhood."

The show airs on TLC and it follows the lives of six first ladies of Atlanta churches. TLC is partnering with True Entertainment, which is the same production company behind the hit reality show, *"The Real Housewives of Atlanta."*

Currently, the series is slated for eight episodes on the network. The docu-series will follow the women as they interact with their church congregation, and shadow the women's private lives. We are sure to see some conflict and challenges in these women's lives as we witness the balancing act they do daily to keep it all together.

The Whole Truth interviewed the creator of this controversial new show. Bishop Kevin Long is pastor of Temple Church International in Charlotte, N. C. He developed the concept of a preachers' wives show back in 2010 and sold the show idea to TLC earlier this year.

The Whole Truth (TWT): Why did you want to do a show of this magnitude?

Bishop Long: The most influential women in my life have been pastors' wives, including my grandmother and mother. Being a third-generation pastor, I understand the role the woman plays as it relates to their husbands

and ministries. Essentially, most first ladies are the backbone of a successful church, and I want to pay homage to them and at the same time humanize these wonderful ladies who stand beside their mates.

TWT: What do you want people to walk away with from the show?

Bishop Long:That pastors' wives are real women, multifaceted partners in life with their husbands. You will see a range of occupations and vocations. From a successful real estate agent, radio talk show host, fitness guru, and a recording artist, these women are a reflection of their husbands but unique in their own right. Not every pastor's wife wears the big hats, the gloves, or sit on the first row in St. John outfits. This will definitely be an opportunity for them to bring a kingdom presence on secular TV and for the church to showcase our God.

TWT: What do you say to the critics of this show?

Bishop Long: People are certainly entitled to their opinions, but we must keep in mind that though this is a reality show it does not mean that it is the reality of every first lady. With the title comes a huge amount of pressure, criticism and expectation that would make most people crumble, and I want to be able to show people that the same individual who most people harshly judge is a worshipper, a wife, mother and a person who has to tackle the same life issues as most.

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Medical Moment

Diabetes in Black America: Understanding Type 2 Diabetes

By Leonard Jack, Jr., Ph.D., MSc.

Diabetes is a major chronic disease in the United States, particularly among Blacks. It is important to know what is diabetes; risk factors for developing diabetes; signs and symptoms; and recommendations on how to manage the disease. Diabetes is a disease that changes the way your body uses sugar. The food you eat turns into sugar. The sugar then travels through the blood to all parts of the body. Insulin helps get sugar from the blood to the body's cells, where it is used for energy. When you have diabetes, your body has trouble making and/or responding to insulin. So your body does not get the fuel it needs and your blood sugar levels may remain too high.

Unfortunately, many do not know what can place them at higher risk of developing diabetes. To determine if you are at risk for diabetes or have diabetes, please answer the following questions:

1. Do you need to lose weight?
2. Do you get little or no exercise?
3. Do you have high blood pressure (130/80 or higher)?
4. Does diabetes run in your family?
5. Are you a woman who had diabetes when you were pregnant?
6. Have you had a baby who weighed more than nine pounds or more at birth?
7. Are you African American, Native American, Hispanic, or Asian American/Pacific Islander?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist if you need a diabetes test to confirm your diabetes status.

Some people with diabetes are not aware of the signs and symptoms. Therefore, in

addition to having one or more of the risk factors above, individuals with any of the following signs or symptoms should also see their healthcare provider to confirm whether they have diabetes:

- Going to the bathroom a lot
- Feeling hungry or thirsty all the time
- Blurred vision
- Cuts or bruises that are slow to heal
- Feeling tired all the time
- Hands or feet that tingle or feel numb



If you know you have diabetes (or if you learn in the future that you have diabetes) there is good news. Diabetes complications do not have to occur -- people with diabetes can live long, healthy and productive lives, and the sooner you see your healthcare provider the sooner you are on the road to better managing it. The key to living a long, healthy life with diabetes requires you to educate yourself, make "doable" changes in your life (eating properly and working out more), and seeing your doctor regularly.

You can never know too much about diabetes. There are several steps you can take

to live a healthy life with diabetes. They include:

Use medicines wisely

- Sometimes people with diabetes need to take pills or insulin shots. Follow the directions.
- Ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist what your medicines do. Also ask when to take them and if they have any side effects.

Watch what you eat and get exercise

- There is no one diet for people with diabetes. Work with your health care team to come up with a plan for you.
- Be active at least 30 minutes a day, most days of the week. Exercise helps your body use insulin better.

Check your blood sugar

- Help prevent heart disease and stroke by keeping your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol under control.
- Check your blood sugar with a test you can use at home.
- Ask your doctor for an A-1-C blood test. The A-1-C is a blood test that checks sugar levels over 2 to 3 months.
- If you smoke, ask your health care provider about effective FDA-approved smoking cessation medication that can help to "kick" the habit.

Know your ABC's

- Talk to your health care provider about your ABC's:

“People with diabetes can live long, healthy and productive lives, and the sooner you see your healthcare provider the sooner you are on the road to better managing it.”

- Leonard Jack, Jr., Ph.D., MSc.

- A-1-C
- Blood pressure
- Cholesterol

Take care of your body parts from head to toe

- See After Your Eyes
“Have eyes checked at least once a year”
Tell your eye doctor if you:
 - See spots
 - See poorly in dim light
 - Have eye pain
 - Or any other eye problem

Keeping Your Kidneys Fit

- Get a yearly screening to see if you have too much protein in your urine
- Keep blood glucose tightly controlled
- Keep blood pressure in check
- Avoid medications that can damage kidneys (talk to your doctor)
- Stop smoking
- Go easy on protein
- If your doctor recommends, take medications when needed

Take Care of Your Feet

- Wash your feet daily with lukewarm soapy water and dry well, especially between toes
- Wear comfortable shoes and clean, properly fitting thick socks
- Keep feet soft by using lotion after a bath or shower
- Inspect daily cuts, scratches, redness or swelling

Don't Deny Your Dental Care

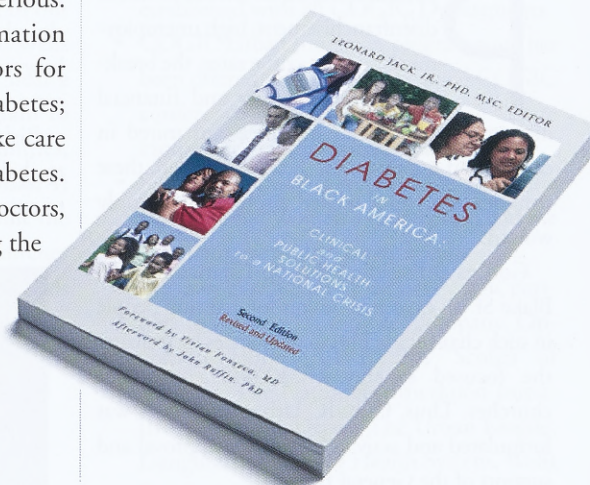
- Brush and floss your teeth daily
- Have your teeth cleaned every 3 to 6 months
- If you notice any problems, tell your dentist

Keep a Positive Attitude

- The sooner you accept that you have diabetes, the better
- Always talk about your diabetes with your health care provider, family, and or friends
- Seek help if you start to feel depressed

Diabetes is a chronic condition that affects Blacks at all ages. As such, diabetes is a chronic disease that should be taken serious. This article offers important information and on what is diabetes; risk factors for diabetes; signs and symptoms of diabetes; and recommendations on how to take care of yourself should you have diabetes. Remember to get educated, see your doctors, and take care of yourself by following the recommendations offered here.

Dr. Leonard Jack, Jr., is Director for the Center for Minority Health & Health Disparities Research and Education, and Professor of Clinical and Administrative Sciences in the College of Pharmacy at Xavier University of Louisiana. He is Editor-in-Chief of Health Promotion Practice. He is also Editor of the second edition of his new book, *Diabetes in Black America: Clinical and Public Health Solutions to a National Crisis*, that focuses on the burden of diabetes in the Black community and the many effective clinical and public health solutions needed to prevent and better control the problem. *Diabetes in Black America*, Second Edition is published by Hilton Publishing and is scheduled for release in November 2012.



COGIC Urban Initiatives, Inc.: *Empowering Communities*

"Building healthy individuals, families, and communities for a successful future."®

By Pastor Edwin C. Bass, President



Young people participate in Canton Jones Dream Week Concert at historic Mason Temple.

“We can – we must – make the commitment to assist people today without losing our focus on preparing them for eternity.”

-- Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.

Poor academic achievement, financial disenfranchisement, high unemployment, soaring crime rates, the breakdown of the family and financial illiteracy keep millions of Americans mired in despair and hopelessness. Left unattended, these complex and inter-related problems will only worsen.

God gave Presiding Bishop Charles Edward Blake Sr. an expansive vision for assisting people in such challenging life circumstances by utilizing the focused synergy of 12,000 constituent churches. Thus, COGIC Urban Initiatives was formulated and activated, with the approval and support of the General Board.

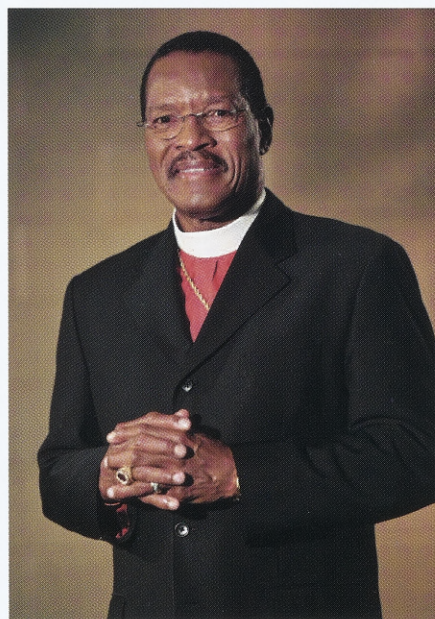
COGIC Urban Initiatives focuses on five areas:

1. Education—Access, Excellence and Equity
2. Economic Development—Job Training and Job Creation
3. Crime Reduction—Reduction, Prevention and Rehabilitation
4. Family Enrichment—Developing Healthy Men, Women and Children
5. Financial Literacy—Earning, Saving, Investing and Spending Wisely

The critical work of the Church has been dramatically reshaped by the vision that God gave

Bishop Blake. He has redefined what we do as a church and encouraged every pastor to rethink how we, the Church, and the communities we serve, can live more abundantly.

Bishop Blake remarked, “God has called me to challenge the Church to act aggressively today to ensure a better tomorrow for the Church and



Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.

for the millions who will be blessed through the work of the Church. I can clearly see a better tomorrow for our churches, our membership and the communities we serve. To get there, we must immediately harness our collective power and focus it on a common goal: improving the quality of life in the communities we serve. We have no time to waste. We can—we must—make the commitment to assist people today without losing our focus on preparing them for eternity. To that end, I am calling on every member of the Church to give the fullest cooperation to the work of COGIC Urban Initiatives. We must act as though our future depends on it, because indeed it does.”

President Barack Obama has observed and endorsed our success: “You [COGIC] launched a powerful Urban Initiative... With your support, your prayers and the leadership of Bishop Blake, I am confident that we will move every single mountain in our way.”

COGIC Urban Initiatives has assembled a capable, dedicated Executive Staff including Evangelist Missionary Paula C. Hearn, Executive Vice President; Evangelist Missionary Valda Slack, Vice President, Education; Evangelist Missionary Elizabeth Wilson, Vice President,



President Barack Obama

Economic Development; Dr. Milton Rochford, Vice President, Crime Reduction; Bro. Ulish Booker, Vice President, Family; Administrative Assistant Michael Eaddy, Vice President, Financial Literacy; Bro. Marshall L. Hudson, Sr., Senior Advisor; Elder N. Orlando Jones, Executive Administrative Assistant; Pastor Wayne M. Bass, Executive Administrative Assistant; Sister Kimberly Scott-Brown, Executive Assistant; Pastor Wayne B. Cobb, Director of Communications; Administrative Assistant Elijah Hankerson, I-Communications Specialist; Pastor Clint Horn, Director of Technology; and Elder Matthew Gillery, Technology Specialist.

Here are some highlights:

- Jurisdictional Prelates have appointed more than 125 Jurisdictional Coordinators to ensure that information is made available to their pastors. Within those jurisdictions, Pastors have appointed Local Church Representatives bringing the information and execution down to the local church level.
- Some jurisdictions are pursuing the vision with passion and conviction. Let's take a closer look at the current level of participation by the Kansas Southwest Jurisdiction, from the perspective of its Jurisdictional Prelate and Urban Initiatives Director: "The Kansas Southwest COGIC Urban Initiatives is well underway and building an exciting program in our jurisdiction. Under the leadership and promotion of Bishop J. C. Gilkey, Sr., the Urban Initiatives team has achieved great success by mirroring the national program with a Director and 5 Core Team Leaders in each of the 5 areas: *Crime Prevention, Economic Development, Education, Family Life and Financial Literacy*. This executive staff has held successful workshops, core area leadership/informational sessions,

volunteering training for the vetting of non-paid/paid staff and has partnered with Wells Fargo, the Kansas Urban League and other professionals to help improve credit ratings, eliminate home foreclosures, learn to become banking friendly, strategies for healthy families, crime prevention and mentoring, etc. These trainings have been organized to provide "trickle down" support and mirroring on a local level, with an emphasis on organizational strategies for small, medium and large ministries.

Pastor Edwin Bass, COGIC Urban Initiatives President, kicked off the Urban Initiatives efforts in Kansas Southwest and presented a dynamic workshop and toured the University Plaza, owned by the jurisdiction. We continue to host monthly training sessions in the 5 core areas and will also offer workshops in each of our major conventions, tracking our success with outcome base measurements. Based on our human capital strength, our five major goals will be: 1) host a career fair with local businesses through our Economic Development Initiative; 2) improve local churches' financial strength with the "train the trainer" program through Financial Literacy courses to be offered for adults/children/youth in our 40 churches (in partnership with Wells Fargo & Kansas Urban League); 3) host a "Christmas in July" outreach program to minister to families in our communities, which includes outlying cities in Kansas; 4) create a grant writing team and become the umbrella for local grant awards to churches within the jurisdiction (small project awards only); and 5) begin the process to open the Kansas Southwest Urban Initiatives Development and Training Center."



Bishop J. C. Gilkey, Sr.
Jurisdictional Prelate
Evangelist Virdena
Gilkey
Kansas Southwest
Urban Initiatives Jurisdictional Coordinator

- Since inception, COGIC Urban Initiatives has participated in numerous high visibility service opportunities such as the West Angeles CDC Symposium at the University of Southern California, the NAACP/Detroit Ecumenical Economic Development Con-

sortium Annual Meeting, the Child Welfare League (CWL) Roundtable, and the White House Office of Faith Based and Community Partnerships Dialogues.

- Out of those strategic interactions, additional programmatic pathways, opportunities for partnerships and resources have been garnered.
- Senior staff members have conducted onsite informational and motivational sessions in 32 jurisdictions.
- In 2011, two million meals were served through the Church Of God In Christ through the President's Summer Food Program.
- Bishops and Pastors have been provided with critical advice and letters of support to effectively enhance proposal submissions.
- A Jurisdictional Coordinator Newsletter is distributed monthly to provide practical on-site information.
- To respond to the question "How do I get my local church involved with limited resources at our disposal?" we have introduced the Monthly Resource Bundle that focuses on two or three easily implementable programs.

Formal working relationships have been established with all COGIC Departments.

- COGIC Urban Initiatives programming has been offered in every international COGIC conference with support from the White House and several strategic partners.
- Successful Job Fairs were held at AIM, the International Women's Convention and the International Holy Convocation.
- We have expanded our list of strategic partners to include Eli Lilly & Company, Operation Hope, AARP, Boy Scouts of America, The National Fatherhood Initiative, the Home Depot, The Urban League, Daughters of Charity Health System, Wells Fargo, Good Africa Coffee Company, The National Center on African American Marriage and Parenting at Hampton University, American Red Cross, PICO National Network Lifelines to Healing, Toys for Tots, Black Working Man Magazine, K & G Clothing, Child Welfare League of America, City of Killeen, Texas, Nassau County Council of Black Clergy, U.S. Conference of Mayors, Department of Labor, USDA, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Education, White House Office of Faith Based and Commu-



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-- Pastor Rodney Douglas, Greater New Covenant COGIC, East St. Louis, Illinois

nity Partnerships, First Lady's *Let's Move Initiative*, Detroit Ecumenical Economic Development Council, City of Hempstead, N.Y., City of Albany, N.Y., Regions Bank, Wayne County Community College District, the Judge Mathis Foundation and Little Caesar's Pizza.

- An innovative strategic partnership with The Home Depot has resulted in COGIC Urban Initiatives Dream Week in Memphis, Tennessee, during which high school seniors were motivated to pursue higher education.
- Also The Home Depot Discount Program has resulted in significant savings for our members, our jurisdictions and our churches. Pastor Rodney Douglas of Greater New Covenant COGIC in East St. Louis, Illinois, saved \$20,000 on renovation costs for a newly acquired worship facility.

He enthusiastically remarked, "Thank God for The Home Depot Discount Program! It's as if Bishop Blake wrote Greater New Covenant Church a check for \$20,000."

Here's some additional information clarifying the program and how it works:

- All churches are eligible to participate in the program.
- Wallet sized cards with all information needed to access the program have been printed and will be shipped in sufficient quantities to every Jurisdictional Bishop within the next 30 days. In the interim, participants may take a picture of the card with a smart phone for easy access to program benefits.
- The card offers THREE DISCOUNT PROGRAMS:

- Implemented the Ten Stage Community Para-Chaplain's Program ("Take Back the City") in some of Brooklyn's most crime-ridden areas including Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brownsville, Crown Heights and East New York and produced an 18% drop in homicides.
- In partnership with the Evangelism Department, COGIC Urban Initiatives visited 4 prisons during the AIM Convention resulting in 408 individuals being saved. Formal training was provided to 12 churches in Houston to prepare them to conduct follow-up at the prisons visited.

Our 2012 Focus

- With the support of the Board of Bishops, train Jurisdictional Coordinators in 100% of our jurisdictions.
- Facilitate and motivate COGIC to serve 10,000,000 meals through the President's Summer Food Program.
- Implement a Learning Management System (LMS) that will allow us to centralize, assemble and deliver learning content rapidly, as well as to track utilization.
- Secure additional corporate partners to make COGIC Urban Initiatives Dream Week an annual, nationwide event.
- Expand on programming offered at conferences.
- Provide more training and program templates to local churches.



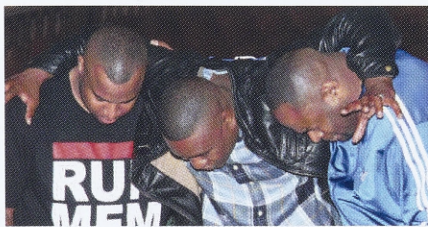
DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

1. **Pro Paint, 20% off retail pricing at the point of sale.** Simply give the check out person our account phone number (901-947-9300) and you will receive the discount.

2. **Volume Pricing Discounts** when making purchases of \$1,000 or more. This discount averages up to 12% off depending on product type. When a single church or a combination of churches meets the \$1,000 threshold in a single day, it is automatically met for all churches for a seven day period. Instant Volume pricing covers only certain products purchased in bulk like roofing, flooring, wiring, etc. This discount averages 8%. See the PRO Desk at your local Home Depot for details.

3. **Multi-Phase Volume Discount** which allows you to get the benefits of volume pricing discounts on projects with purchases made over a seven day period.

If we spend over \$100,000 aggregately within a calendar year, a rebate of 3% of all sales made through the Partnership will be given to COGIC Urban Initiatives so we are actively encouraging everyone to present the discount card for all purchases, large or small. Note: If you anticipate a project with an expenditure of \$10,000 or more contact Scott Matthews, Director of Strategic Accounts via e-mail at ScottMatthews@HomeDepot.com. He will put you in contact with a manager at a store convenient to you who will assist you through the entire project.



- Partner with the Department of Labor to establish Job Clubs throughout the country and establish corporate strategic partners for job referral and job training
- Finalize COGIC Urban Initiatives Individual Entrepreneurial Model for products like Good Africa Coffee.
- Implement the Ten Stage Community Para-Chaplains Program ("Take Back the City") in as many jurisdictions as possible.
- Conduct a coordinated nationwide outreach /invasion of prisons to minister to

inmates on Thursday of Holy Week.

- Partner with Operation Hope to finalize a pending joint grant request from Wells Fargo to support financial literacy.
- Support the Presiding Bishop's Absentee Ballot Initiative by conducting educational sessions and distributing materials to jurisdictions and local churches.
- We are pleased to announce that COGIC Urban Initiatives has been chosen to partner and co-host The National Summit on Education of the U.S. Conference of May-

ors which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on September 21. Bishop Charles E. Blake will lead a delegation of twenty-five COGIC leaders.

COGIC Urban Initiatives is moving forward with tremendous enthusiasm and commitment. With the help of every Jurisdictional Bishop, we will see the Presiding Bishop's vision become a national reality: *"Building healthy individuals, families and communities for a successful future."*

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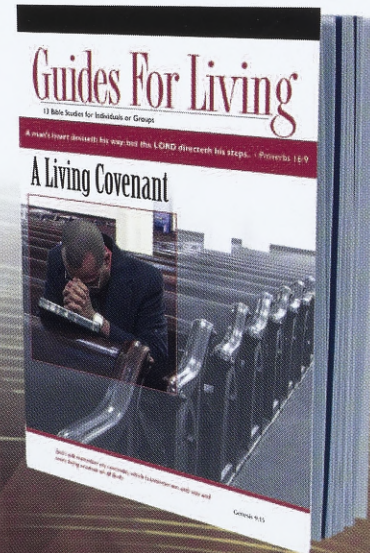
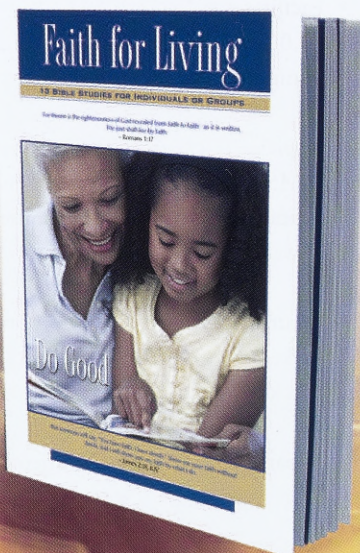
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Elder Morris Taylor, (center photo, kneeling) Founder of Azuza Fresh Oil Ministries COGIC and Save the Children International provided more than 200 backpacks and school supplies to the community and over 100 bags of groceries and clothes through the Morning Manna Food Pantry to the citizens of Ripley, Tennessee. Lunch was provided and there were scores of volunteers on hand to assist with fun games with the children. Parents with school age children were provided with instructions for enrolling their child in school for the coming year. The event was held Saturday, July 28th at the Ripley Elementary School.



In the photo (L to R): Evangelist Faithe Brooks (daughter), Men of Excellence honoree Bishop P.A. Brooks, First Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ, Mrs. Glenda Lewis, WXYZ TV News Personality and Mistress of Ceremonies, Madame Doris Brooks, wife of Bishop P.A. Brooks, and Minister Phillip A. Brooks, III, (son).



A CELEBRATION HONORING SERVICE AND COMMITMENT

Monday, July 30, 2012, people from across the country joined with the Saints of the Canada/Michigan Jurisdiction to celebrate the elevation of Dr. Welton Lee Lawrence to the office of Auxiliary Bishop. The celebration was also a joyous time for he and his wife Lady Joyce Lawrence, as they celebrated 50 years of holy matrimony. His Eminence, Presiding Bishop Charles Edward Blake, Sr. delivered the keynote address. The Church Of God In Christ Publishing Board salutes Bishop & Mrs. Welton and Joyce Lawrence.

IN MEMORIAM



> **Bishop Norman Quick**
Jurisdictional Prelate New York Southeast



> **Administrative Assistant Isaiah C. Grover**
Chairman Pastor's and Elder's Council



> **Supervisor Ruby L. Smith**
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> **Reverend Leo Hughey, Jr.**
Pastor Faith Temple Community Church



MEN OF EXCELLENCE

Bishop , Phillip A. Brooks
Jurisdictional Prelate
Northeast Michigan (Historic First) Jurisdiction
Church Of God In Christ

Bishop Phillip A. Brooks, First Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ is in the news. The *Michigan Chronicle Newspaper* (a division of Real Times Media) acknowledged its 2012 Men of Excellence honorees in print at an outstanding banquet on June 28, 2012.

The Men of Excellence Honors recognized 53 outstanding men in the state of Michigan for their leadership and contributions to the community. Among those being honored was our very own First Assistant Presiding Bishop, Bishop Phillip A. Brooks. The special banquet for this annual occasion was held at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel in downtown Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Hiram Walker, the CEO of Real Times Media and Interim Publisher of the *Michigan Chronicle* stated: "...the *Michigan Chronicle* launched its Men of Excellence campaign more than five years ago, in order to honor and celebrate the many achievements of great men who do good things for Detroit – men who have much to teach all of us about the power of stewardship, wisdom, self-discipline, tenaciousness and humility."

Some of the other notables who were honored along with Bishop Brooks were: **Harold W. Bulger, Jr.**, Senior Principal with Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone, P.L.C.; **Charles Boyd, MD, MBA, FACS**; **Charles Baker, MD, MSC**, Medical Director of ProCare Health Plan, **William L. Toples**, Director, Service Operations of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; **Robert Thornton**, Program Officer of the Skillman Foundation; **Gerald Johnson**, General Motors Corporation-North America Manufacturing, **David Nathan**, Legislator-Michigan State Representative; **Darryl Nolen**, Administrative Assistant of the UAW National Ford Department; **Ken L. Harris**, President/CEO Michigan Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc.; and **Gregory Hill**, Vice President of Investments, Wells Fargo Advisors.

Bishop Brooks was appointed by the mayor of the city of Detroit to serve on the board of the Museum of African American History (also known as the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History), an internationally acclaimed museum.

He is the President and Founder of the New St. Paul Non Profit Housing Corporation. Faith Manor, a 57 unit Senior Housing Complex, is sponsored by The New St. Paul Non Profit Housing Corporation, as well as Walls Manor located in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The U. S. government granted a delegate Head Start Agency to New St. Paul Tabernacle because of Bishop Brooks' integrity, outstanding reputation in the community and business acumen. The New St. Paul Head Start Agency has more than 100 employees and provides educational services to children and parents.

Bishop Brooks is the Prelate of the Northeast Michigan "Historic First" Jurisdiction and has served in that capacity for 37 years.

COMING SOON...

The Executive Committee of the General Assembly will host a fellowship dinner to honor General Assembly Chairman James W. Hunt, Sr., on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2:30 p.m., at The Americas Center Ball Room, 701 Convention Plaza, St. Louis. For ticket details contact Jennifer Patterson-Hill at 901-947-8300, ext. 408.

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